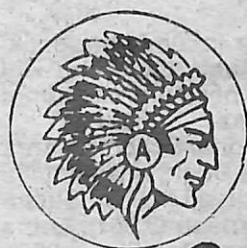


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*Two Incumbents Out; 4 New Faces On Council...*

# ★ JOHNSON ★ ★ WINS ★ ★ 4TH TERM... ★

**Suffriti Tops Council Field  
Doering Leads School Committee**

*Power Plant Plays Key Role In Election...*



MAYOR & MRS. CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON are all smiles at a post-election victory celebration at The Oaks on Tuesday night. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SOME OF THE CANDIDATES AND THEIR VARIOUS supporters camp-out at the Phelps School polling area on Tuesday morning. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



# Small Turnout For Tuesday's Race Makes Election "Tough" - Johnson

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

In his fourth mayoral campaign, incumbent Mayor Christopher C. Johnson faced his greatest challenge from a political newcomer and lost two of his closest allies on the Town Council.

With a voter turnout rate of 48 percent, Johnson easily defeated Karl Stieg 4,262 to 2,902.

Incumbent councilors James Taylor and Robert Danie lost their third and second bids for office, respectively, while newcomers Dennis Perry, Joseph Langone, Christopher Quatrone, and Kent Servis were successful.

Virtually unknown to the voters before the controversy surrounding the siting of a power plant in the industrial park became the number one campaign issue, Stieg captured a 41 percent share of the votes and topped Johnson's opposition in 1991 and 1993 by eight and 11 percentage points, respectively.

Speaking to a crowd of enthusiastic supporters at The Oaks Banquet House on election night, Johnson said, "It was a tough election. With no primary to spark interest, it seemed that the focus of Agawam wasn't on the election, and I was worried about the turnout."

Given the fickleness of Agawam politics, Johnson said, "I never thought when we started six years ago that I'd be standing here today."

Recapping some of his administration's accomplishments, Johnson mentioned the preservation of open space, capitol improvement projects, and straightening out "the mess that was known as city hall."

Johnson said he would like to see the school additions and renovations started within his upcoming term, and said he would continue to support Berkshire Power's plan to build an electric generating plant off Shoemaker Lane.

"I hope the Berkshire Power plant will become a reality," Johnson said. "I remain convinced that it will be positive for Agawam and bodes well for the future."

While Johnson enjoyed an 18 percentage point victory overall, voters in the precinct where the power plant is being proposed clearly disagreed with Johnson's stand.

## The Results From Precinct 6...

In Precinct 6, Stieg received 615 to Johnson's 640. Also, Precinct 6 voters overwhelmingly supported councilors who had voted in favor of the power plant referendum or candidates who supported the referendum, and rejected those who did not support the referendum.

After entering the race as a severe underdog with no name recognition, Stieg said he was pleased with the results of his campaign.

"Of course, I would be happier if I had won," Stieg said. "I tried to keep the race clean and focused on the issues."

Stieg said with a little more time and money and a bigger political organization, the race would have been much closer.

"Who knows—I may be back in politics next week," Stieg said.

Stieg said he plans to rejoin the organized opposition to the Berkshire Power project that first brought him to the public arena last spring.

"I think the results of the election have given credence to a more powerful fight against the plant—it's like a shot of adrenalin," Stieg said.

Johnson campaign manager Patrick Nolan said he thought the Mayor did well and attributed the Mayor's slip in popularity to the length of his incumbency.

"The longer you stay in office, the more enemies you make just by making decisions. You can't please everybody," Nolan said.

Nolan said Johnson did well in two debates broadcast on television and radio. "He did a good job because he always does his homework," Nolan said. "He's always well-prepared to answer questions without hesitation."

# Searching For New School Chief Top Priority

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

The four School Committee incumbents seeking reelection have retained their seats and will be joined by the familiar faces of returning alumni Louis Massoia, Jr., and Rosemary Sandlin.

The top-vote getter was National School Boards Association President Roberta Doering with 4,489 votes, followed by Teresa Kozloski (4,333), Susan Pettazzoni (4,056), Linda Galarneau (3,861), Louis Massoia (3,781), and Rosemary Sandlin (3,692). Mayor Christopher C. Johnson will automatically serve as the committee's seventh member and chairman.

Venetta Snyder received 3,242 votes, not enough to make her comeback to the committee after an absence of more than a decade. Earle Hollister lost his second run with 2,923, and newcomer Debra Curtis garnered 3,612 losing by 80 votes.

Mrs. Doering said she was pleased with her first place win and felt fortunate to have so many people voting for her.

Looking ahead to the search for a new school superintendent, Mrs. Doering said the process would likely begin in January once the newly-elected committee takes office.

Although the criteria for the new superintendent will be a decision of the whole committee, Mrs. Doering said, "I think we should open the search up rather than look only at local candidates. That doesn't mean I'm not willing to consider local candidates, if they fulfill the criteria we set."

Mrs. Kozloski agreed the best person should be hired, not necessarily a local candidate.

Mrs. Kozloski said getting the Massachusetts Association of School Committees involved in the initial search for the last superintendent worked out well, but some procedures used last time should be changed.

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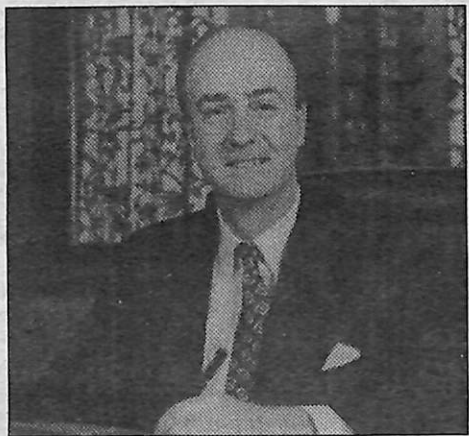


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## Residents Say They Never Signed Power Plant Petition

### To The Editor:

I'm writing this letter with great concern. Recently, my wife and I received an invitation to a meeting at the town library for the Concerned Citizens of Agawam.

This invitation was sent to people who had signed a petition putting the power plant on the ballot. Neither my wife nor I signed this petition.

I made a phone call to a Mr. Forni, who is the chairman of this committee. He brought the petitions to my home and showed me the signature. This was not my wife's signature.

I'm very concerned that this petition or others may have illegal signatures on them.

Sincerely,  
Lyman E. Simpson  
Agawam

## Mrs. Kozloski Supports Bill That Will Help Education

### To The Editor:

I would like to make your readers aware of the Mass. Senate bill number 305 which is now in its third reading in the Senate.

Passage of this bill would greatly help our schools. The bill would require any third party payments, such as Medicaid, to be held in a separate account to be expended by the School Committee for educational purposes without further appropriation.

Each year our school budget includes payments for special needs students whose accounts are eligible for Medicaid reimbursement. Last year Agawam received \$225,830 (retroactive from 1992) which by law went into the town's general fund. This money originally came out of the school budget, and I have always maintained it should be given back to the schools. It is anticipated that during the 1995-96 school year \$124,000 will be reimbursed to Agawam.

I urge the people of Agawam immediately to call Senator Melconian (786-6033) and other state senators to move Senate bill number 305 from third reading to the Senate floor before adjournment. Urge them to take necessary action. Let them know how much this bill would help our schools.

The bill reads as follows: "Chapter 71B, Section 5 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1992 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the section the following new paragraph:

"Any school committee receiving funds as a third-party payee under the provisions of this section shall deposit such funds with the treasurer of the city, town or regional school district. Said funds shall be held as a separate account which may be expended by such committee without further appropriation for any lawful education purpose."

Thank you,  
Teresa Kozloski  
School Committee Member

## Agawam High School Needs Support Of Businesses

### To The Editor:

#### To The Business Community:

In order for Agawam High School to achieve its educational mission of high standards through accountability and responsibility for all of its students, the support of the business community is essential. The administration and faculty would like your help in making education at the high school a higher priority among the student body.

One of the things that businesses can do is to limit hours in the workplace for teens so that they can focus more on the successful fulfillment of school requirements.

Businesses can help make education a priority by asking teens who are seeking employment to bring in a letter of reference from the school that certifies good grades and attendance. If a business already employs a teen, the employer can offer to give its teen worker a reward or bonus for good grades or attendance.

Another simple thing is for businesses that employ teens to stress the value of education or show how one's education is important in the workplace.

Businesses can even help to reduce tardiness or truancy. If a teen is hanging around a store or eating in a restaurant when they should be in school, a business can contact the high school if they know who the student or students are. They can also ask for the assistance of the local police in identifying truant students.

Educational success at the high school depends on many factors. One key factor is a positive and cooperative relationship between the business community and the school. Whatever business can do to help the high school achieve its educational mission would be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Joseph Zabeleski  
Acting Principal, AHS

## Beautification Committee Extends Thanks To Many

### To The Editor:

The Town of Agawam and the Agawam Beautification Committee would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt "Thank You" to those individuals who participated in the Agawam Street Tree Inventory.

The project was a huge success and will supply the town with invaluable data upon which a Street Tree Management Plan can be developed.

The hours of volunteered time will ultimately result in the preservation of Agawam's urban environment and continued beautification efforts.

Special thanks are extended to:

**Agawam residents:** Julia Kozikowski, Pam Kerr, Alan Boissonneault, Wayne Francis, Dan Augur, Dan Boissonneault, Doreen Prouty, Daniel Dulaski, Charles Cleveland, Molly Pohner, Pat Uschmann, Wendy Hughes, Mary Parrotta, Rudy Stone, Ed Shibley, Kathy Perkins, Helen Lawrenchuk, Bettie Fischer, Paul Morin, Bill Bates, Barbara Farrington, Pat Bertone-Gross, Dick Haas, Wes Bradford, Mark Siegars, Henry Kozloski, and Carolyne Carrier.

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**Springfield City Forester:** Ed Casey.

**Western Massachusetts Electric Company:** Doug Neilson.

**Mountain View Landscapes:** Kendall Uzar.

**Mayor Christopher C. Johnson**  
**Zoafia Demko, Chairperson**  
**Agawam Beautification Committee**

## Fire Chief Disputes Letter About New Fire Station

### To The Editor:

I do not normally get involved with the day-to-day politics of the town because in my position it can be foolhardy to do so. However, after reading Peter Longo's letter to the editor in the November 2, 1995 issue, I felt I had to.

In Mr. Longo's letter, he implies that the new fire headquarters on Main Street is going to be a palace which will be a burden to the children and grandchildren of this community for many years. As chairman of the building committee, I can assure Mr. Longo that the new fire headquarters will not be a palace, but it will be an efficient and functional station; one our children and our grandchildren can be proud of. It will replace the old and undersized Elm Street Station which was built in 1917.

After many years of waiting, the dedicated men and women of our fire department are excited that a new fire station is finally underway. The City Council overwhelmingly supported this worthwhile project, including the taking of the site it is being built upon. I commend the Mayor on his commitment to his project. Without his support, I'm sure we would still be only talking about it.

The members of the Agawam Fire Department are proud of our service to the town and are grateful to the community and the government leadership for the support of our new Fire Headquarters.

Respectfully,  
David A. Pisano  
Fire Chief

## Agawam High's Fall Sports Teams Deserve Praise

### To The Editor:

Congratulations to all of the Agawam High School sports teams—the boys, the girls, and the coaches—this autumn season.

It doesn't matter what the standings were, as long as you played your very best and had fun!

Very truly yours,  
Clyde E.P. Benton  
Feeding Hills

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of Ag. Catholic Women's Club  
At St. John the Evangelist Church  
6:15 p.m.

Thursday, November 16th  
General meeting for the  
AHS Soccer Parents Assoc.  
At AHS teachers' cafeteria  
7:00 p.m.  
Call 786-4368 for further info.

Saturday, November 18th  
"Ski Sale" sponsored by  
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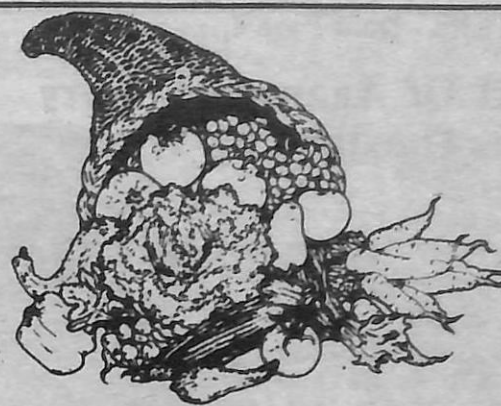
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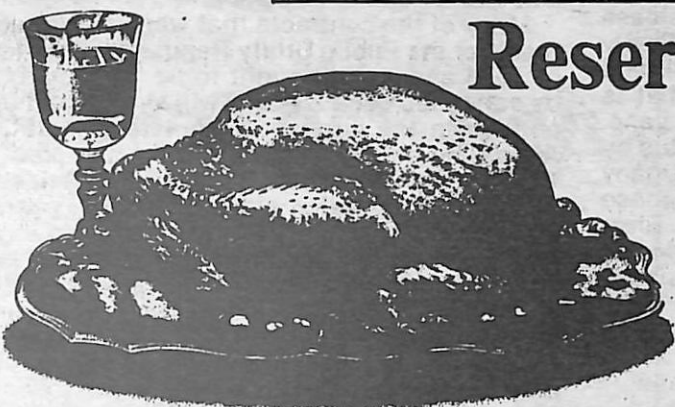
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## Staff Of Agawam Library Does Outstanding Work

### To The Editor:

I'd like to take a moment to compliment the staff at the Agawam Library for their outstanding work with the children's program. Special thanks go to "Miss Jean" and "Miss Eileen" who work so well together in welcoming the children and their parents to such a child-friendly environment.

As a working mother, I appreciate the effort that they give to provide activities that are both educational and entertaining in the evening as well as during the day. My children (aged 2 and 5) look forward to going to the library each week.

My oldest child often looks for "Miss Jean" just to say "Hi" and to chat. At times, the children's section may seem chaotic or down right noisy, however, if one looks beyond the noise, learning is occurring for many children in this atmosphere.

Even though I have fond memories of my mother taking my sisters and me to the library as children, I don't remember it being so open to adventure, participation, and fun as experienced now.

I personally would like to thank all the staff members at the library for putting the children's interest first by allowing them to experience the love of reading and learning for what it is.

Sincerely,  
Cindy DeLuca  
Agawam

## Thank You For Supporting The Big E Parking Shuttle

### To The Editor:

#### To The Residents Of Agawam:

Many thanks go out to our town residents for supporting The Big E parking shuttle at the Agawam High School this past September.

The band can always depend on the town for their outpouring of support in our many fundraising endeavors. Without your help, the band would not be able to participate in many competitions and parades that represent our town.

Thank you again, and we hope to see you again next year. Many thanks also to the band parents and students who gave their time to help in this important fundraiser.

Erin Shepard  
Big E Parking Coordinator

## Gov. Weld Finally Getting The Message From Elderly

### To The Editor:

We have noted with interest that Governor Weld plans to keep intact in his "Downsizing Government Plan," the Office of Elder Affairs.

In view of the growth of this portion of the population and our willingness to make ourselves heard, it appears that our Governor is, finally, "getting the message."

We are grateful that at long last he has signed a bill that protects housing built for seniors from an influx of **non-elderly disabled**—so-called "mixed housing."

We do not forget that our legislators, listening to their constituents, **three times** passed such legislation, only to be vetoed by Governor Weld. But our legislators did not stop listening to their constituents, and worked out a bill (H5270) that the Governor signed into law at 11:15 a.m.,

Wednesday, October 25, 1995.

The credit for this goes to our hard-working Representatives (especially Dan Keenan) and Senators for persevering in putting together a law that allows seniors in state-funded housing the lifestyle and peace of mind they need and deserve.

Laura B. Dugan  
Agawam

## Sportsmanship Is The Real Name Of The Game

### To The Editor:

Congratulations to all the coaches, boys, girls, suburban, and in-town Agawam Soccer Association teams this fall season.

Having great sportsmanship and enjoying it really matters!

Very truly yours,  
Clyde E.P. Benton  
Feeding Hills

## Power Plant Will Have Negative Financial Impact

### To The Editor:

My name is Curt M. Freedman, P.E.; I am a former six-year resident of Agawam, and presently reside in Longmeadow. As a licensed professional engineer in the Commonwealth, I am serving as the technical spokesperson for the **Concerned Citizens & Businesses of Agawam (CCBA)**.

The CCBA is composed of home and business owners who will be substantially and specifically affected by the proposed 250 megawatt oil and natural gas fired Berkshire Power Plant that is proposed to be located off of Shoemaker Lane. The CCBA has been granted intervenor status by the Energy Facilities Siting Board. There are many other entities that are also intervening to oppose this power plant including: Connecticut River Watershed Council, U.S. Generating Co. (Mass-Power, Inc.), and the following Agawam business owners:

- a. Country Estates Nursing Home;
- b. Standard Uniform Services;
- c. Springfield Corrugated Box;
- d. Chez Josef;
- e. Western Massachusetts Electric Company;
- f. Bay State Gas Co..

**There are two major categories of opposition to the proposed power plant:**

- 1) Determination of Need and Financial Impact to Rate Payers;
- 2) Abutter and Environmental Impact.

**Determination of Need and Financial Impact to Rate Payers:**

The proponents of the power plant have dispensed tremendous misinformation surrounding the need for the proposed power plant and the alleged benefit to electric rate payers. Based on extensive research, there is absolutely no need for the new power plant. New England has engorged itself in a glut of electrical over-capacity.

The over-capacity is the result of extraordinary investments over the last 15 years in conservation, switching away from electric heat as well as reductions in industrial growth, and the addition of new power plants. According to the New England Power Pool, New England has a generating capacity of 26,500 megawatts, with a

generating surplus of 37 percent (a surplus of 39 Berkshire Power plants!). The additional capacity means that **"we are paying for a lot of bricks and mortar that is not producing electricity,"** said Armand Cohen of the Conservation Law Foundation in a Boston Globe interview two years ago.

Even the modern combined cycle plants such as the one proposed in Agawam cannot contract the sale of their power. The EnRon Plant in Milford, MA, has contracts for approximately 50 percent of its 150 megawatt power plant. The Mass-Power Plant in Springfield cannot sell all of its power. The proposed Silver City Power Plant (developed by the same Ken Roberts of Berkshire Power Development, Inc.) in Taunton, MA, was rejected by the State Supreme Judicial Court because it could not substantiate the need for additional electric power.

In another case, Eastern Energy's proposed power plant in New Bedford (represented by John DeTore, the same Boston lawyer representing Berkshire Power) will only be permitted if it has contracts by 1997 to sell 75 percent of its power, and 25 percent must be sold in Massachusetts. In other parts of the country, such as New York, California, Maine, and Texas, independent power producers are having financial difficulty because generating contracts are being modified as a result of the extraordinary competition in the electric generating industry. Destec's 465 megawatt Lyondell plant in Texas is only able to sell 250 megawatts at "give-away" prices and dumps the generated power into the electrical grid. As a result of the lack of demand for electricity fostering severe financial problems, Destec's stock has plunged from \$20.00/share to less than \$10.00/share and their revenues have fallen from \$1.84 to less than \$0.50/share!

Many of the contracts that were developed as a result of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 and were thought to be "iron-clad," may be cancelled because they will simply not be competitive in the current deregulated marketplace. According to a 3/17/95 article in the New York Times, **"The New York State Public Service Commission, in a major shift of policy, asked the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to allow New York State Electric Gas, to break its 15-year contracts with two independent power producers so that the utility could renegotiate them and bring down the cost."**

Even if the Berkshire power plant is built, it may only serve to "cherry pick" large industry or other more desirable customers and place a greater economic burden on the existing rate base and shift the financial burden to the residential, small business, and non-profit sectors. Houses of worship are presently on a special electric rate; deregulation could mean an electric rate increase of 50 percent to 100 percent for such non-profit institutions! Finally there is the issue of stranded costs; stranded costs are the capital investments previously made by Utilities that will not be able to be utilized.

Additional over-capacity by Berkshire Power may have a detrimental impact on the recovery of these stranded costs. Since the Department of Public Utilities has a legal obligation to guarantee the recovery of economic investments, the stranded costs may have to be paid by rate increases; it is entirely possible that electric rates will increase to recover these costs.

This past March, as part of a restructuring of electric rates in Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Public Utility Commission rejected Narragansett

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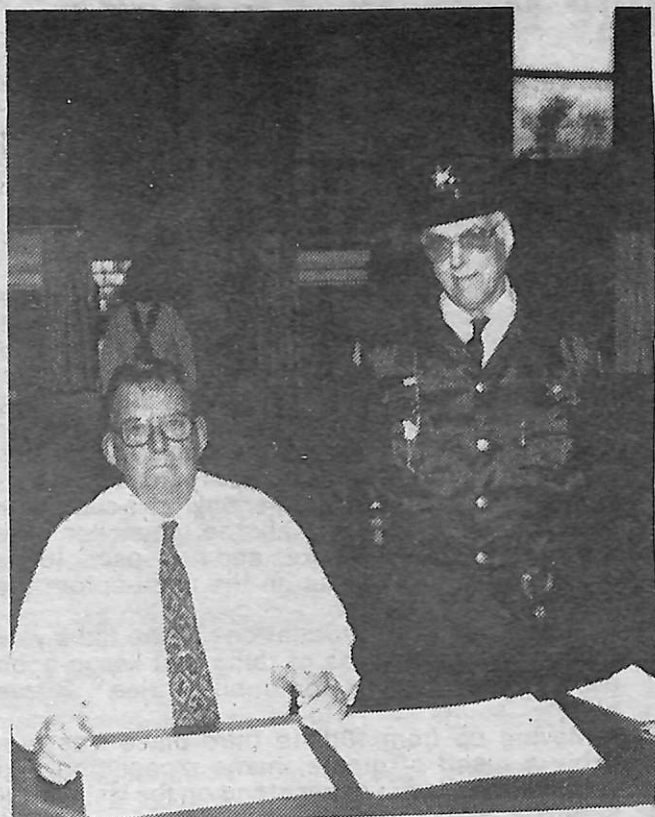


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## Election Officials Have Another Busy Day



POLL WORKER George J. Schlagel and warden F.J. Argiro are pictured at Granger School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TOWN CLERK RICHARD M. THEROUX AND MEMBERS of the Board of Registrars get ready to count the ballots. From left - Ronald E. Bennett, Barbara B. Dunn, Theroux, and Mary A. Hunter. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## How They Ran

### MAYOR:

Christopher C. Johnson	4,262 (59 percent)
Karl H. Stieg	2,902 (41 percent)

### TOWN COUNCIL:

Gary E. Suffriti	4,251
David Skolnick	4,169
Jill P. Simpson	4,005
Dennis J. Perry (new)	4,001
Edward A. Caba	3,950
Joseph F. Langone (new)	3,905
Christian M. Quatrone (new)	3,757
George Bitzas	3,679
Thomas J. Ennis, Jr.	3,649
Kent P. Servis (new)	3,542
Nancy P. Thompson	3,458

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Louis J. Russo	3,403
Abraham Kasparian, Jr.	3,370
James D. Taylor	3,322
Robert J. Danie	3,040
Valentine R. Moreno	2,073

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Roberta G. Doering	4,489
Teresa M. Kozloski	4,333
Susan A. Pettazzoni	4,056
Linda M. Galarneau	3,861
Louis E. Massoia, Jr.	3,781
Rosemary Sandlin	3,692

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Debra S. Curtis	3,612
Venetta L. Snyder	3,242
Earle F. Hollister	2,923

### LETTERS - from Page 6...

Electric's request for rate restructuring since the proposed new rates would have meant a **10 percent increase** to the small business and residential sector and a **five percent decrease** to the industrial sector.

In summary, deregulation is a most complicated issue that raises many problems that must be addressed so that the full financial impact and need of this proposed power plant can be fully determined.

Submitted by:  
Curt M. Freedman, P.E.  
24 Ridge Road  
Longmeadow

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to the length of this particular letter, the second part of it will be published in next week's edition of *The Agawam Advertiser News*.)

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## Stieg Moves On...

## Top Vote-Getter Suffriti Says Issue Of Power Plant Played Huge Role In Election

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Four town councilors who voted against a referendum on the Berkshire Power project felt the sting of ballot box retribution in Tuesday's election.

Councilors James Taylor and Robert Danie lost their seats while Council President Nancy Thompson and Councilor George Bitzas slipped in their standing with the voters.

Newcomers Dennis Perry, Joseph Langone, Christopher Quatrone, and Kent Servis will join five other incumbents who retained their seats on the council.

Ms. Thompson fell from first in 1993 to 11th place in 1995, narrowly holding on with just 55 more votes than Louis Russo in 12th place. Bitzas slid from third to eighth place.

"I was very honored to have been first last time," Ms. Thompson said. "We're out there as public servants working for what is best for the Town of Agawam."

All six top vote-getters either supported the power plant referendum as councilors or voiced their support during the campaign.

Results of the council race were: Gary Suffriti, 4,251; David Skolnick, 4,169; Jill Simpson, 4,005; Dennis Perry, 4,001; Edward Caba, 3,950; Joseph Langone, 3,905; Christopher Quatrone, 3,757; George Bitzas, 3,679; Thomas Ennis, 3,649; Kent Servis, 3,542; and Nancy Thompson, 3,458.

Not elected were Louis Russo, 3,403; Abraham Kasparian, 3,370; Taylor, 3,322; Danie, 3,040; and Valetine R. Moreno, 2,073.

Suffriti said he wasn't sure why he topped the ticket. "I think people think I'm honest and I don't play games," Suffriti said. "I deal with the issues on their merits, and I'll continue to do what I've always done. If you get the feel of what the people want and do what is right, you won't go far off the mark."

Suffriti said the determining factor in the council race was not so much the merits of the

Berkshire Power project, but the anger and frustration of the voters at the councilors who voted against the referendum.

"The message was ... don't mess with our rights," Suffriti said.

Bitzas blamed focusing on a single issue, negative campaigning, and a last-minute smear campaign for some of his slide in voter approval. "... An Insult To The Intelligence Of The Voters ..."

Bitzas said advertisements and mailings telling voters not to vote for certain candidates were an insult to the intelligence of the voters and belonged to the old-time politics of dirty tricks.

Bitzas was outraged that anonymous campaign fliers attacking him and another councilor were placed in voters' mailboxes and newspaper tubes under cover of darkness on the night before the election.

Bitzas said the "information" in the fliers was false. "This is the type of thing that keeps good people from running for public office," Bitzas said.

Moving up from 10th to third place was probably a result of greater name recognition and people being aware of her stand on the issues, Jill Simpson said.

Edward Caba said the ballot question played a major part in the election and reiterated his position that the council owes their constituents the right to place a question on the ballot. "I don't care if it's only five people who want the question," Caba said.

Caba pledged to work for unity on the new council.

"That way, I think we'll be able to deal more smoothly with the School Department budget problems and with taking care of the capitol improvement projects like the DPW garage and improving our equipment without affecting the tax rate adversely," Caba said.

**MAYORAL CANDIDATE AND MRS. KARL STIEG** said Tuesday night at their post-election party that they ran a hard campaign and made a strong impact on what transpired on Election Day. Stieg is strongly against the planned Berkshire Power Plant and said he will continue to work against the plant being located in Agawam. Stieg garnered 41 percent of the vote on Tuesday. Stieg is a newcomer to Agawam politics. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### SCHOOL RACE - from Page 2...

If finalists are going to be interviewed by School Committee members at their job sites, Mrs. Kozloski said the entire committee should participate, not just a few members.

Susan Pettazzoni said there should be no preferential treatment in hiring the new superintendent.

"I want to be in on the search process," Mrs. Pettazzoni said. "The best candidate for the

children is the only preference."

Asked about the ability of the new committee to work together, Mrs. Pettazzoni said, "We have a good basis to the committee and now we have two very knowledgeable people voted back on the committee. We have a lot of work to do."

Slipping from the first to the fourth slot in her fourth run, Linda Galarneau said, "I can't say if there was one particular issue (that hurt me). I haven't changed my view of things."

Mrs. Galarneau agreed that the search for a

new superintendent would not be based on preference for local candidates but on the qualities of the applicants.

Mrs. Galarneau said she wanted to focus on working with the committee and with the State Legislature to ensure fairness in funding for regular education budgets.

"I hope to get a sub-committee going to work on guaranteed funding for regular education," Mrs. Galarneau said. "I don't want to deny any special needs, but I want to work toward bringing more money into regular education."

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## New Computers At Police Dept. Key Progress

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Record-keeping at the Agawam Police Department has moved past the slow pace of the paper stage and into the instantaneous age of computerized information management systems.

In August, the Police Department went on-line with a computer system that was two years in the planning.

"Now I can come in the morning and read all activity from the previous day or for any date by incident or by geographical area," said Police Chief Robert Campbell. "It was kind of neat when I could get the information needed by the building inspector just by one keystroke."

Campbell said the biggest advantage of the system is the ability to manipulate the date and make it instantly available to the officers on the street.

It all starts at the dispatch desk where approximately 16,000 incidents are recorded each year.

Under the old system of record-keeping, extracting information required a labor-intensive hand search. Using the new computer system, purchased at a total cost of about \$58,000, information stored by the records department can be accessed by the dispatcher so that officers on a call will know if there are any open warrants, prior arrests, restraining orders, or gun permits on record at a particular address, Campbell said.

"The system is also hooked into E911 service so that the name, address, and phone number of the callers automatically transfers through to the dispatch desk," Campbell said.

### Assistance From Southwick Police Chief

Campbell said he owed a special thanks to Police Chief Henry LaBombard of Southwick for giving him the opportunity to get a hands-on look at the software package in operation.

"When you want to buy something, you have to talk to the people who use it," Campbell said. "Chief LaBombard allowed us to parade a lot of people, including the Mayor and City Councilors, through his station for demonstrations of the software."

Campbell said training the officers in using the new system has gone well, with Sergeant Ken Grady and Officer Joe Diamond serving as systems managers.

"I had anticipated running a dual system much longer," Campbell said. "There are still some glitches, but mainly we want to pick up speed and that will come as the officers get more experience using the system. It's a pretty user-friendly package."

While enough data has yet to be entered to forecast manpower needs or crime trends, eventually the system will do that and much more.

In the foreseeable future, Campbell said he expects computer capability will be extended into the cruisers.

Already, the department is saving the time formerly spent making photocopies of major incident reports to keep command personnel updated on the previous day's activity. All of that information is now available on-screen with one keystroke.

"We've entered the 90's," Campbell said.

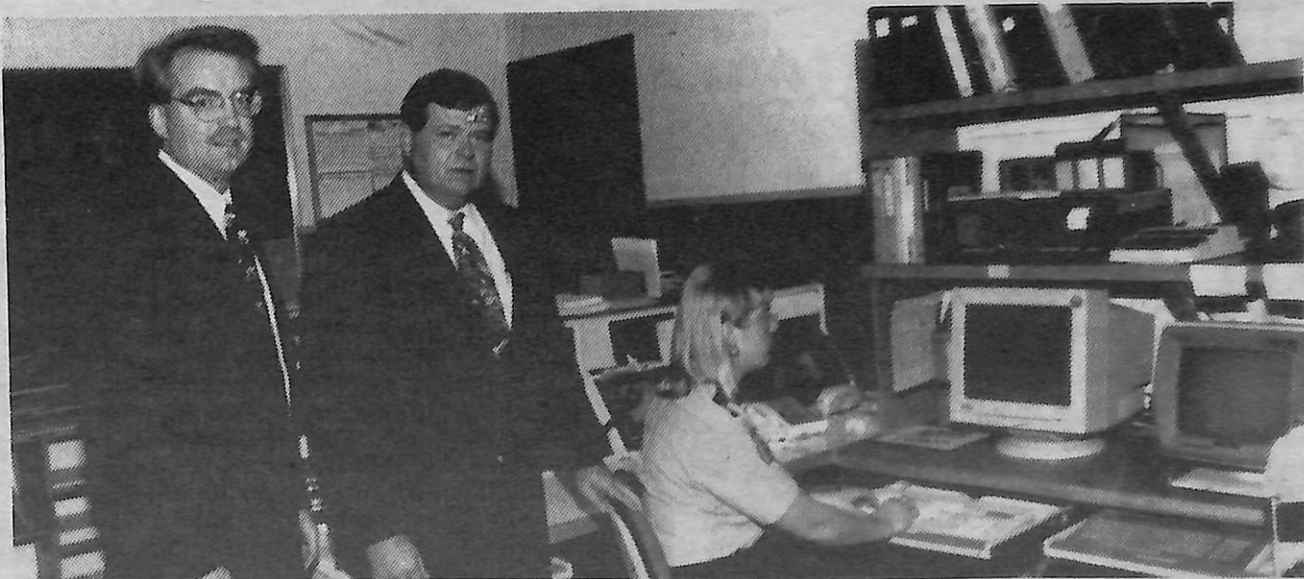
## Melconian To Hold Office Hours At Ag. Public Library

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced that she will hold open office hours at the Agawam Public Library, located at 750 Cooper Street, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on November 13th.

Everybody is welcome to come and speak with Senator Melconian during these open office hours to discuss any issues of concern, ask questions, or just drop in to say hello and meet the Senator.

Anyone wishing to meet with Senator Melconian who cannot attend her open office hours on the date listed above is invited to call 786-6033 to schedule an appointment at her District Office, 375 Walnut Street Extension, Agawam, which serves the Hampden District daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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AGAWAM MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON and Police Chief Robert Campbell look on as dispatcher Roberta Sarnacki works on one of the new computers at the Police Headquarters. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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# Finally, State Opens Phase I Of Rte. 57

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Agawam politicians, past, present, and future, were on hand Friday, November 3rd for the long-awaited opening of the first phase of the Route 57 expansion.

Town Councilor Thomas Ennis, who has served as the chairman of the council's Route 57 committee for the last four years, attended the gala opening ceremonies with his wife, Susan, and their year-old son, Tom.

Noting that he had attended a meeting with his father 31 years ago when the highway was promised for the following spring, Ennis joked, "I hope my son won't be here 30 years from now (should it take that long for the highway's Phase II to be completed through to Southwick)."

Lieutenant Governor Paul Cellucci, Kevin Sullivan, deputy commissioner of the Massachusetts Highway Department, and Agawam's elected officials participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the underpass at Mill Street.

## Easy Access For Business Prospects

Cellucci said, "Governor Weld and I expect that the investment in infrastructure we have made in Route 57 will repay the taxpayers of the Commonwealth handsomely down the road, as the easier access makes it easier for businesses to settle and grow here."

U.S. Representative Richard Neal praised the efforts of "federal, state, and local officials working hand-in-glove to make this day a reality."

Neal said the highway expansion grew out of the vision of President Dwight D. Eisenhower for a national highway system.

"We all share the fruit of that courage and vision," Neal said.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said the completion of the highway expansion project transcended politics and gained the support of every elected official, regardless of political affiliation.

"That speaks volumes about the importance of the project," Johnson said. "Hopefully, in two years, we'll have the shovels at the end of the new section of Route 57 and we'll be pushing through to Southwick."

The expansion project is the first phase of a \$32.4 million project that brings the four-lane highway from the South End Bridge Circle to South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

At a cost of \$19.8 million, Phase I construction includes 2.8 miles of new roadway, four new bridges, and 11.5 acres of wetlands restoration. Phase II is currently in the design stage and will extend the four lanes into Southwick, thus alleviating traffic back-ups and serious accidents on Mill and Springfield Streets.

After years of working for the completion of the project in the State House in Boston and lobbying federal officials in Washington, D.C., former State Representative Michael P. Walsh returned to Agawam for the opening festivities.

"This project stands as an example of what's good about politics at the local, state, and federal level," Walsh said. "Even though politicians are denigrated as a group, this project shows politicians acting as public servants."

With the first section of Route 57 opening in April 1959, the plan to complete construction through to Southwick is something new Agawam State Representative Daniel F. Keenan has been aware of for most of his life.

"As we were driving through Agawam, my parents would say, 'Any year now they'll open the new highway!' The expansion of the highway will improve the quality of life for the people of Agawam and the entire 3rd Hampden District," Keenan said.

State Senator Linda Melconian said the new road was vital to the economic development of the area.

"We're not going to be able to move the state forward to compete in the 21st Century without the necessary infrastructure," Melconian said. "That's what this is all about."

## "Better Late Than Never"

For Town Councilor George Bitzas, a member of the council's Route 57 Committee, it was "a great day for Agawam and for all the surrounding communities—better late than never!"

The driving force behind a petition drive that, so far, has collected 3,000 signatures in favor of completion of the highway, Bitzas said, "Sometimes it pays off to lobby state officials."

Bitzas said signatures are still being gathered at Town Hall to show support for completing Route 57 through to Southwick.



**CUTTING THE RIBBON TO OPEN the Phase I portion of the Route 57 expansion project, from left - Town Councilor Thomas Ennis, Jr., State Rep. Daniel F. Keenan, Lt. Governor Paul Cellucci, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, State Senator Linda Melconian, former State Rep. Michael P. Walsh, Town Council President Nancy Thompson, Town Councilor George Bitzas, and Town Councilor David Skolnick. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**



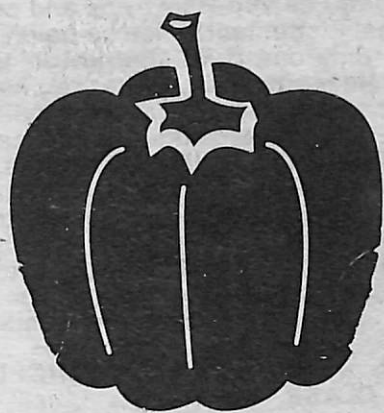
**LT. GOVERNOR PAUL CELLUCCI addresses the gathering who attended the grand opening of Phase I of the Route 57 expansion project last Friday. Also on podium (right) is U.S. Rep. Richard Neal of Springfield. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**



**GETTING READY TO TAKE THE ride to officially open the Route 57 expansion project last Friday are, from left - Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Lt. Governor Paul Cellucci, State Senator Linda Melconian, State Rep. Daniel F. Keenan, and former State Rep. Michael P. Walsh. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**



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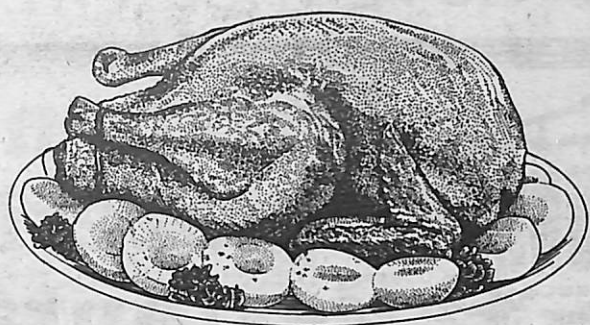
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**ATTENDING THE PUBLIC RECEPTION at the Agawam Senior Center to celebrate the opening of Phase I of the Route 57 expansion project included Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Town Councilor Jill Simpson, and State Rep. Daniel F. Keenan.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

**RTE. 57 OPENS - from Page 10...**

In addition to providing increased awareness of the development opportunities in the town's industrial park, the highway expansion will directly reduce traffic on Mill Street and improve safety in Feeding Hills Center, Johnson said.

With the completion of the Garden Street connector on the state highway department's schedule of pending projects, the highway will eventually provide direct access into the industrial park, Johnson said.

While the state's latest timetable for completion of Phase II calls for construction to begin in two years, Ennis predicted the project would begin in 1998 and reach completion three years later.

Ennis said after the election, he expected some type of development would be proposed for the Tennis Road site (adjacent to the high school) on which a shopping megaplex had been proposed last year. Opposition to this is expected to be heavy.

# Looking Back...

by David Gallano  
Agawam Historian



## November 1974

### November 5th - Enfield Police Chief Praises Study That Agawam Ducks

An official of International Association of Chiefs of Police said today Police Chief R. Kenneth Grady is jeopardizing the chances that the association will undertake a study of his department. In contract, Enfield, Connecticut Police Chief Walter J. Skower, whose department was studied in 1966, praised the association, and said he welcomed the study.

Ralph E. Anderson, IACP field director, said, "It's actually embarrassing to us, since the chief is a member of our organization." He said the problem is "certainly an exception" to the many studies (350) the IACP has completed in other sections of the country.

Westman is bound by contract to the agreement with the IACP. The town's only recourse, should the IACP refuse to implement the study, may be to terminate the agreement, contract with another firm, and sue the association of damages.

Grady has contended that his main criticism is aimed at the reputation of the association and at the manager's failure to seek his recommendation before signing with the Maryland-based consulting firm.

### NOVEMBER 7th - COUNCIL OKs INITIAL APPROVAL FOR EMPLOYEES' PAY HIKE

The Town Council has unanimously passed through the first reading of \$106,190 in pay raises for approximately 200 town employees. The raises amount to eight percent for the period July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975.

Along with the pay raises, the employees receive boosts in longevity payments. On November 11th, the council will act on the second

and third readings of the change in the compensation schedule, plus a transfer from the reserve needed to fund the raises.

### NOVEMBER 7th - AGAWAM MUSICIAN OWNS DOMRA, VERY RARE INSTRUMENT

Jurij Tupikowm of Feeding Hills owns and performs on a musical instrument which he believes may well be the only one of its kind left in the world. It is a four-stringed domra, a half-watermelon shaped instrument with extending fingerboard that sounds something like a mandolin, an instrument which Tupikow also plays.

The instrument and Mr. Tupikow are of Russian origin. He explained that the handmade instrument which he now plays was inherited from his father, who died two years ago. Most domras now in use are three-stringed, making them easier to play and closer in spirit to the more familiar balalaika.

### NOVEMBER 9th - PARK DEPT. CANCELS SQUARE DANCE CLASS

Park & Recreation Department Director Jack Kunasek announced that due to a lack of participation, the square dance program held on Fridays will be cancelled. He indicated that if interest and participation returns, these programs will be resumed in the early part of next year.

Figure skating lessons will begin on November 16th at the West Springfield Olympia. Those interested in recreational swimming are encouraged to attend the open swim program held at the Junior High School swimming pool every Thursday night from 7:30 to 9:30. Ballroom dancing is also available on Wednesdays at Robinson School.

### NOVEMBER 9th - TOWN RECEIVES \$3,400 FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

Agawam has been awarded a \$3,400 state grant to implement Phase I of a two-phase improvement project at Brady Village on Springfield Street. Matching funds were raised by the Beautification Committee and the Agawam Junior Women's Club. Phase I work includes working to provide grass and green areas, construction of a drive and parking area, construction of walks through the facility, planting of trees, the development of a playground for children, and installation of benches, tables, and fireplaces.

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**Babe** [G] - 12:10, 2:10, 4:10

**Mall Rats** [R] - 7:00, 9:05

**Never Talk To Strangers** [R] - 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 7:10, 9:10

**Clockers** [R] - 12:30, 3:45, 7:30, 9:55

**Dangerous Minds** [R] - 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:20

**Last Of The Dogmen** [PG] - 12:00, 2:10, 4:20, 7:00, 9:10

**Devil In A Blue Dress** [R] - 12:20, 2:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:20

**Apollo 13** [PG-13] - 12:00, 3:00, 6:50, 9:35

**The Scarlet Letter** [R] - 12:00, 2:35, 6:45, 9:20

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# Agawam Obituaries

## Daniel F. Courtney

Daniel F. Courtney, 65, of 104 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, died in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He worked at National Scale Company for 18 years and retired in 1992. He worked previously at Braun Welding Company in West Springfield.

Born in Cambridge, he attended Boston College, and was an Army corporal in the Korean War. He served in the 351st Infantry Regiment. He lived in Feeding Hills for 25 years and belonged to the American Legion.

He leaves his wife, Elizabeth M. Courtney; a daughter, Anne Courtney of Florida; a stepdaughter, Deborah A. Strauss of Providence, Rhode Island; a brother, Brendon; a sister, Joan Costello of Boston; and a step-grandson.

The funeral was on Thursday morning at Colonial Funeral Home and the Sacred Heart Church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills.

## Michael A. Driscoll

Michael A. Driscoll, 52, of 190 Colemore St., Feeding Hills, a 28-year employee of Merriam-Graves Corp. in West Springfield, died in Springfield's Baystate Medical Center.

Born in Springfield, he attended local schools and moved to Feeding Hills in 1980. He was active in many sports and outdoor activities. He was a communicant of St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Elaine B. Brzezowski; a son, Michael Deleon of Florida; two daughters, Carrie A. Duga and Kimberly C. Duga, both of Feeding Hills; four brothers, Robert of Springfield, Frederick and Thomas, both of Ft. Myers, Florida, and John of Cape Coral, Florida; and a granddaughter.

The funeral was at Agawam Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church, 74 Bridge St., Agawam 01001-1241 or to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield 01104.

## Ruth M. Eichelroth

Ruth M. Eichelroth, 81, of 11 Harvey Drive, Old Saybrook, Connecticut, died in Agawam.

She was a waitress at the Hotel Union in New York City for many years.

Born and educated in Germany, she came to this country in her youth. She was a longtime resident of New York City, and moved to Old Saybrook after retirement.

She leaves several cousins, including Lorraine Connor of Agawam. The funeral was private, and interment was at Mount Olivet Columbarium in Queens, New York. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge.

## Gladys L. Fappiano

Gladys L. (Sands) Patterson Fappiano, 77, of Pheasant Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, died in a local nursing home. Born in West Springfield, she was a graduate of West Springfield High School, and a longtime Springfield resident.

She was a former member of the city's Wesley United Methodist Church. Her first husband, Frank L. Patterson, died in 1975. She leaves her second husband, V. James Fappiano; two sons, Vincent of Holyoke, and Karl of Miami, Florida; a daughter, Sylvia of Holyoke; three brothers, Hubert of Springfield, Raoul of Agawam, and David of San Diego, California.

The funeral was at Sampson Chapel of the Acres Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Valley Visiting Nurse Hospice, 50 Maple St., P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, 01102-9058.

## Ethel R. Jorgensen

Ethel R. (Munson) Jorgensen, 83, of 69 Parker St., Agawam, died at a local nursing home. Born in Springfield, she was a lifelong resident here, and attended Agawam High School.

She was a communicant of the Congregational Church, and a member of Chapter 143 of the Eastern Star in Springfield. She bowled at the Agawam Bowl and the former Riverside Bowling Alley.

She leaves her husband of 60 years, Andrew G. Jorgensen; a son, Andrew C. of Agawam; three daughters, Anna May Twarog of Feeding Hills, Carol L. Poulos of Naples, Florida, and Donna C. DeChristopher of Agawam; 10 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home of Agawam, with burial at Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Association, 11 Campus Lane, Easthampton, MA 01027, or the American Diabetes Association, 393 Maple St., Springfield, MA 01105.

## Marion Kennis

Marion (Stone) Kennis, 86, of Cooper Street, Agawam died Wednesday at a local nursing home. She was a former supervisor of the Springfield Day Nursery, and director of the Foster Memorial and South Church Nursery Schools.

Born in Plainfield, New Jersey, she was a longtime resident of Springfield. She was a graduate of the Illman Training School and Teachers College at Columbia University.

She worshipped at the South Church, and belonged to the College Club, both in Springfield, and was a former president of the Western Massachusetts Nursery School Association.

Her husband, Alexis P. Kennis, died in 1973. She leaves a sister, Katherine S. Armstrong of West Orange, New Jersey, and a niece, Susan Cox of Marstons Mills.

The funeral was at Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home, with burial at Hillcrest Cemetery at Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

Memorial contributions may be made to South Church, 45 Maple St., Springfield, MA 01105.

## Frank J. Klick

Frank J. Klick, 83, of Feeding Hills, a truck driver for the former Handy's Provision Company of Chicopee, died at Tewksbury Hospital, Tewksbury, after a short illness.

Born and educated in Chicopee, he moved to Feeding Hills several years ago.

He was a Coast Guard veteran of World War II, and a member of American Legion Post 452.

He leaves a brother, Fred J. Klick of West Springfield; four sisters, Freda Carlin of Chicopee, Lena Balut of Springfield, Mildred Butch of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and Jane Gaj of Feeding Hills; and several nephews.

The funeral was held at the Starzyk Funeral Home and in Holy Name of Jesus Church. Burial was in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, all in Chicopee.

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## Emil J. Vlasak

Emil J. Vlasak, 91, of 202 Beekman Drive, Agawam, a Springfield Democratic Party leader and a 17-year assessor and real estate director for the Springfield Redevelopment Authority, died in a local nursing home.

He retired in 1975. He was previously assistant office manager of Quimby & Co., a local crockery wholesaler, owned a realty business, and was an accountant for the former H.E. Angers Co.

Born in West Springfield, he was a graduate of West Springfield High School. He was a longtime resident of Springfield, and a communicant of St. Michael's Cathedral.

He was long active in Springfield politics, and was chairman of the Democratic City Committee. He was a delegate to the 1948 and 1952 Democratic national conventions.

He organized two of the city's biggest ever political rallies - one for Franklin D. Roosevelt, and the other for Harry S. Truman.

He organized the campaigns of former Govs. Maurice J. Tobin and Paul A. Dever.

He was legislative secretary to Mayor Daniel B. Brunton, and was his campaign manager. He served on the city's License Commission and the state Housing Board, and was a former president of the Springfield Country Club.

He belonged to the city's Taxpayers Association, the Chamber of Commerce, and Rotary Club; the Catholic Order of Foresters, and was a 15-year secretary to the Springfield Apartment Owners Association.

He also was in Springfield's Elks Lodge 61, the Knights of Columbus, and the Sierra Club.

His first wife, the former Eleanor Shea, died in 1974, and his second, the former Alice Brutnell, in 1984.

He leaves three sisters, Edna Samol of West Springfield, Dorothy Mahoney of Springfield, and Anne Sherman of California, and a granddaughter.

His son, Richard Vlasak, died in 1989.

The funeral was at Sampson Chapel of the Acres Funeral Home and the Cathedral, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

## Theodore H. Desjardins

Theodore H. Desjardins, 77, of 61 Cooper St., and formerly of Myrtle Street, Indian Orchard, Springfield, died in a local nursing home. He was a retired spinner at the former Alamac Mills in the Orchard.

Born in Ludlow, he spent most of his life in Indian Orchard. He was an Army veteran of World War II, and a member of Frank W. Ackerman Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3236 in Ludlow.

He was a communicant and usher at St. Aloysius's Church in the Orchard, and a member of its League of Sacred Heart Society. He moved here five years ago. He leaves several cousins.

The funeral was held at Ratell Funeral Home and the church, with burial in the parish cemetery, all in the Orchard.

## Harry N. Merchant

Harry N. Merchant, 64, of 303 School St., Agawam, a federal inspector and compliance officer at the Hamilton Standard Division of United Aircraft in Windsor Locks, died at home.

He retired from the DCAS department in 1993. Previously, he was a member of the Air Force Reserve at Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee and retired in 1990. Born in Laconia, New Hampshire, he lived in the Brightwood section of Springfield and came to Agawam in 1957.

He attended the former Springfield Technical High School and received his associate degree in chemistry from Springfield Technical Community College. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War and belonged to the American Legion in Agawam. He was a former member of the Chicopee Lodge of Elks.

He leaves his wife, the former Marjorie M. Moller; two sons, Richard A. of Holyoke and Thomas M. of Agawam; two daughters, Christine E. Nikdel of Winter Haven, Florida, and Wendy L. Carter of Springfield; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was at the Colonial Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Pioneer Valley, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102.

## Steven S. Kovalchick

Steven S. Kovalchick, 71, of 224 Silver St., Agawam, a retired nine-year employee of Hamilton Standard Division of United Technologies Corp. in Windsor Locks, Connecticut, died in Springfield's Baystate Medical Center.

He retired in 1989. He worked previously for the Boston & Albany Railroad for 25 years. Born in Springfield, he lived here for 47 years. He was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II.

His wife, the former Marian L. Miller, died in 1992. He leaves a son, Steven J. of Glenview, Illinois; three daughters, Lynda Dalla Pegorara of Agawam, Leslie Moriarty of Lenox, and Joy McMahon of Connecticut; a brother, Edward of Springfield; three sisters, Julie Tyrell, Irene Tyrell, and Helen Wheat of Springfield, and four grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted at the First Baptist Church. Colonial Funeral Home was in charge, and memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, 760 Main St., Agawam, 01001, or the Pioneer Valley Hospice, 50 Maple St., P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, 01102-9058.

## Paul Kirkitelos

Paul Kirkitelos, 66, of 8e Mansion Woods Drive, Agawam died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. He was the owner and operator of the Golden Dolphin Lounge from 1970 to 1983. He was previously a salesman for Richard Stevens Clothing Co., and the owner of the Royal Cafe.

Born in Providence, Rhode Island, he was a longtime resident of Springfield, and an 11-year area resident. He worshipped at St. George's Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Springfield, and was in the Hellenic Society and the Springfield Boys Club. He was a past president of the Cafe Owners Association of Western Massachusetts.

His wife, the former Peggy Phillips, died in 1971. He leaves a son, Jeffrey, of East Longmeadow; his father, Apostolos of Springfield; a brother, Andrew of Ludlow, and a sister, Bessie Kirkitelos of Springfield.

The funeral was held in the church, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm St., Suite 9a, West Springfield, MA 01089, or the Susan B. Auchter (Renal Unit) Kidney Fund, in care of the BMC Development Office, WMB-5, Springfield, MA 01199.

## Michael Giorgiole

Michael Giorgiole, 99, formerly of 537 Main Street, Springfield, a World War I doughboy and a 33-year research worker at the former Buxton Leather Company in Agawam, died on Monday in an Agawam nursing home.

He retired in 1959.

Born in Turi, Bari, Italy, he came here in 1914.

He was an Army veteran of World War I, a communicant of St. Paul the Apostle Church, and a member of the American Legion Post 21.

His wife, the former Teresa Brigada, died in 1979.

He leaves two nephews, G. Paul Giorgiole of South Deerfield, and Dr. Carlo Brigada of Florida, and grandnieces and grandnephews.

The funeral was on Thursday morning at Tazzini Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Luke's Home, 85 Spring Street, Springfield.

## Plans For Agawam's Vets' Day Observance Announced

The Agawam Veterans' Council has set plans for the Town's Veterans' Day Observance.

This year is special in that Veterans' Day—November 11, 1995—marks the end of the World War II 50th Anniversary commemorative period.

## \* 9:00 a.m. - Saturday, November 4th: FLAGGING VETERANS' GRAVES

All are asked to meet at Veterans' Service Office.

Rain date Sunday, November 5th. Volunteers are welcomed.

## \* 11:00 a.m. - Saturday, November 11th: VETERANS' DAY CEREMONY

A service is also planned on the Agawam Veterans' Green on Main Street. All are invited to attend.

## \* 12:00 noon - Saturday, November 11th: VETERANS' DAY LUNCHEON

Agawam Veterans' Council, in conjunction with the World War II 50th Anniversary Committee, will sponsor luncheon.

Proceeds to be used to construct Veterans' Honor Roll.

Tickets may be obtained at Veterans' Service Office.

## \* 4:00 p.m. - Saturday, November 11th: CHURCH SERVICE

All are welcome to join with us at Sacred Heart Church on Springfield Street to honor our veterans, especially those who served in World War II.



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## HAZARDOUS TOOTHBRUSHES

**Q.** Why is it advisable to replace toothbrushes regularly even if they show no signs of wear?

**A.** For health reasons, according to a University of Oklahoma study published in a dental journal. For one thing, the study found that people with oral inflammatory disease experienced lessened symptoms when they changed toothbrushes frequently. A more serious finding: toothbrushes may harbor bacteria and viruses that can cause cardiovascular, respiratory and other diseases.

The researchers recommended that toothbrushes be replaced routinely every two weeks, more frequently by those who have severe oral or systemic diseases. Also, change toothbrushes at the onset of an illness, when improvement begins and when full recovery is attained.

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## Melconian's Comm. Reports Information Technology Bond Bill

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield), Chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Science and Technology, has announced that her committee has favorably reported legislation which would authorize \$273 million to develop, acquire, and upgrade the information technology systems of state agencies throughout the Commonwealth. Projects funded by the bill would bring state government into the 21st century through a coordinated plan to purchase and install state-of-the-art computer systems in various agencies.

"This legislation would change the way Massachusetts conducts business in this new high-tech era. The projects authorized by this bill would improve efficiency and productivity and make government more consumer-friendly. We all utilize state services for personal and business-related purposes, whether standing on line for a driver's license or obtaining permits for a new business. Our citizens should not have to wait in long lines, make endless phone calls, and file stacks of forms," stated Senator Melconian.

In many cases, state agencies are currently unable to share beneficial information or even communicate by computer internally or with their own regional offices. For example, a planned computer overhaul of the criminal justice system's infrastructure would link up the trial courts, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, the State Police, the Department of Revenue, the Executive Office of Public Safety, the District Attorney offices, and the Attorney General. As a result, everything from the enforcement of child support orders to the prosecution of violent felons would be expedited more timely and efficiently.

Senator Melconian concluded, "Even though Massachusetts is thought of as a high-tech innovator, our state government agencies are dinosaurs. The Information Technology Bond Bill would allow us to leapfrog other states to the head of the pack. This is an investment which is long overdue."

The legislation is pending further action by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the full Senate. Senator Melconian expects further Senate action on the measure.

## Four Bond Issues Passed By Senate Committee Aimed At Improving State Services

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield), a ranking member of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, has announced the Senate passage of four bond issues supporting improvements in higher education, prisons, open space, and seaports.

"These authorized projects will promote economic development, public safety, and environmental enhancement without jeopardizing our fiscal well-being," noted Senator Melconian.

The Open Space Bond Bill authorizes investments in the Commonwealth's natural resources. Agawam will benefit from increased recreational opportunities through the state's acquisition of the open space land on Perry Lane and the development of the Connecticut Riverwalk and Bikeway which will serve communities on both sides of the River.

Senator Melconian successfully advocated for additional Title V relief for homeowners coping with the onerous regulations. Homeowners will benefit from low-interest loans to upgrade septic systems and a \$5 million loan fund to connect homeowners to municipal sewer systems. In addition, Western Massachusetts' environmental resources will be improved by making the Connecticut River eligible for license plate revenues deposited in the environmental trust fund.

The Prison Bond Bill responds to serious and dangerous prison overcrowding by authorizing funds for the construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of state, county, and juvenile facilities.

Senator Melconian made sure that the Senate version included a new 125-cell Hampden County facility for women. This single-sex facility will protect female prisoners from the hardcore male offenders, allow them to remain closer to their families, and better prepare them for a positive return to their communities.

Local gang violence prevention efforts will be bolstered by a new inmate telephone recording system for the Hampden County Sheriff. In addition,

an intermediate sanctions program is established that will provide increased sentencing flexibility to courts and parole boards while cracking down on the most violent and dangerous offenders.

The Higher Education Bond Bill invests \$657.5 million in each of the Commonwealth's 15 community colleges, nine state colleges, and five UMASS campuses. As a strong supporter of Springfield Technical Community College and Holyoke Community College, Senator Melconian was pleased with the Senate's level of support for these fine institutions.

STCC will receive \$18 million to upgrade its facilities, including renovation of its Student Center. Senator Melconian, as Chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Science and Technology, commented, "There is a direct link between higher education spending and economic development. I think we will finally see legislative action that will encourage collaborative research and development projects between UMASS and private high-tech companies."

Many of Senator Melconian's policy recommendations to revitalize the Commonwealth's marine science industries, outlined in her report, "Meeting the Baystate Challenge," are contained in the Seaport Bond Bill. Coastal communities devastated by the decade-long decline in ground-fish stock will be bolstered by investments in aquaculture, fish hatcheries, projects to convert vacant industrial sites into fish farms, and a state-of-the-art electronic fish display auction that will transmit information over the Internet.

The Senate postponed approval of a proposed \$110 million appropriation to implement double-tracking rail improvements throughout the state pending an advisory opinion ruling by the Supreme Judicial Court.

If you would like further information on any of the programs funded in these bond bills, please contact Senator Melconian's District Office at 738-4848.

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AT THE AGAWAM/FH AARP meeting that was co-sponsored by the newly-formed SALT organization of Agawam on Monday, October 23rd, were, from left - Chris Griffin, Helena Jalbert, Jessie D. Fuller, Ann Sabato, and Nancy Albert. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Elderly Support Group Meets In Agawam To Discuss Safety Issues

TRIAD of Hampden County met on Monday, October 23rd, at the Captain Charles Leonard House. They were guests of the Agawam/Feeding Hills AARP and the newly-formed SALT organization of Agawam.

District Attorney William Bennett welcomed the group. Following his speech, other participants addressed those in attendance, including AARP President Jessie Fuller, SALT President Oliver Muldrew, Deputy Sheriff Chuck Camerlin, Sergeant Steve Draghetti of Agawam Police Department, and a representative from the Chicopee Council On Aging.

Seven towns were represented at this meeting. SALT is the organization sponsored by the AARP and the Council On Aging of Agawam to deal with the safety of our senior population.

In the coming weeks, we will catalogue the "Senior Survey" that was included in the tax bills. This program is off to a good start and has been accepted enthusiastically by all seven communities.

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## IRS Reminds Parents That Newborns Need Social Security No.

New parents should be aware of a change in the law that will require them to get social security numbers (SSNs) for children born this year. Any taxpayer who claims a child as a dependent on the 1995 income tax return must include the child's SSN unless the child was born in November or December of 1995.

According to the Internal Revenue Service, a taxpayer should include the SSN for any dependent born in November or December of 1995 if it is available. If not, the taxpayer must write "11/95" or "12/95," as appropriate, in the space for the child's number on the tax return.

IRS District Director Francine Crowley noted that, "Including the SSN or the month and year notation will prevent delays in receiving an income-tax refund. Taxpayers should check and recheck SSNs to ensure timely refunds."

If the parents already applied for an SSN for a newborn child through the birth registration process, they should receive the number within two to four months, usually before they're ready to file the tax return.

A taxpayer who has not applied for an SSN for a dependent child can do so by completing Form SS-5 and providing the Social Security Administration with an original birth certificate and one other piece of identification showing the child's name, such as a doctor's letter or hospital record.

It usually takes only two weeks to get an SSN. To get more information on how to apply or to get Form SS-5, contact any local Social Security office or call 1-800-772-1213. Form SS-5 is also available from the IRS.

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# State's Department Of Social Services Finding Homes For Kids Thru Adoption

by Lorraine Carli  
Massachusetts Dept. of Social Services

If you've ever thought about adoption, you're not alone. There are thousands of children in Massachusetts who wonder every day when and where they will find a permanent home to call their own.

How could this be and from where did they all come? Massachusetts, like most states across the country, began to see an expansion of substance abuse in the late 80's. Of particular concern was the dramatic onslaught of crack as the drug of choice among women, young women with small children.

The unpredictable level of violence often associated with crack wreaked havoc on young families, giving us younger and younger victims of the drug war. This epidemic caused a domino effect throughout the child welfare system, sending statistics to new highs. Between 1987 and 1991, the number of children reported for abuse and neglect to the Department of Social Services (DSS) rose from 52,391 to 88,748. The number of children in foster care rose from 6,713 to 10,513 in that same time period. The biggest increases in foster care were children between the ages of birth and five years-old. Many of these children would never be able to safely return home.

In 1992, DSS authored a report that painfully acknowledged the saddest effect of this drug tragedy; there were nearly 5,000 children in state custody with a goal of adoption. Forty-five percent of these children were white, 31 percent black, 16 percent Hispanic. The majority of these children were between the ages of two and 10. They were waiting an average of four years from the time their goal became adoption until the adoption was legalized. Four years out of a child's life is a long time. DSS was completing about 500 adoptions a year, while, on average, 1,500 were coming into the system.

In 1993, DSS began to aggressively attack the problem of finding homes for children from all sides. Working closely with the courts, more children were freed for adoption and the road legally cleared for them to get homes. DSS created regional adoption recruitment units to go out into the communities to find families willing to make a lasting commitment to a child. During the past two years, DSS completed over 2,000 adoptions. But there are still children who wait and more must be done.

DSS is the state agency whose primary mission is to protect children who have been abused or neglected. Unfortunately, DSS is often seen as the agency that must remove children from dangerous environments and is seldom seen for its role in creating new families for these children. If a child's own family cannot successfully raise him or her, DSS must find one that can.

DSS is different from many private agencies because they are looking for families for kids as opposed to kids for families. DSS provides all services free of charge and some children may qualify for adoption subsidies once they are adopted.

The children available for adoption through DSS come from diverse backgrounds and varied experiences. Some have suffered from abuse and

neglect. Many are with their brothers and sisters and should stay together if possible. Some of the children have been freed through the courts to be adopted, others have court cases still pending and the placement would be known as a "legal risk" until the child is free.

Adopting through the Massachusetts Department of Social Services is not for everyone, yet it is an option that should be considered if you are thinking about adopting. The children available through DSS can be a challenge to parent, but, like most challenges, there are incredible rewards and benefits.

Adoptive parents complete a 10-week training course, entitled MAPP (Massachusetts Approach to Partnerships in Parenting). The MAPP program

is held in many communities across the state and usually runs one night a week for the 10 weeks. Included in the process are various reference checks and home visits.

For more information on adopting through DSS, call 1-800-KIDS-508.

Lorraine Carli is the Director of Public Affairs for the Massachusetts Department of Social Services (DSS). DSS is the state agency whose primary mission is to protect children who have been abused or neglected. The Department seeks to ensure that each child has a safe, nurturing, permanent home. Additionally, the Department provides a range of services to support and strengthen families with children at risk of abuse or neglect. DSS works with some 42,000 children and 22,000 families on any given day.

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Creative catering will be provided by Rosemary and the Agawam V.F.W. Post 1632 will present a "Saturday Night Buffet Table." A pot roast dinner (real home-style cooking) will be served. Advanced tickets are \$6 and \$6.95 at the door. Proceeds will benefit the homeless shelter at Leeds Hospital.

For more information, call the Agawam V.F.W. Post 1632, 194 South Street, Agawam, (413) 786-4885.

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## Veterans' Graves Flagged For Vets' Day



AT THE AGAWAM CENTER CEMETERY, local members of the Agawam Legion and VFW flagged graves of veterans to prepare for the November 11th Veterans' Day ceremonies. IN TOP PHOTO, from left - George Johnson, Ed Kellogg, Jonathan Waters, and Harold Davis. PHOTO BELOW, from left - George Schlagel, Priscilla Peterson, Harvey Gagnon, and George M. Brown. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



## FireWise

by Fire Chief David Pisano  
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The cause of most chimney fires is creosote, which is a by-product resulting from the incomplete combustion of wood. It accumulates on the sides of your chimney and stovepipe as a liquid, and later condenses into a solid. As it builds up it not only blocks the flue, but can ignite into a roaring fire.

It is recommended that you have your chimney professionally cleaned and inspected at least once a year. If you use your fireplace or wood stove as a primary source of heat for your home, you should consider a cleaning and inspection at the beginning and end of each heating season.

To select a chimney sweep, don't just base your decision on cost. Ask if they are certified by the National Chimney Sweep Guild or a trade school. Are they active in a state or local guild? How did they learn their craft? Ask for references.

A professional chimney sweep will do more than brush out your chimney. They inspect your chimney for damage to liners, cracks due to settling, improper installation of prefabricated chimneys, and much more.

You can cut down on the build-up of creosote by using your fireplace or wood stove properly. Burn it hot; the hotter the fire, the more complete the combustion.

Burn hard woods (i.e., oak, hickory, ash, or maple) that have been seasoned for at least one year. Take care not to burn construction scraps, treated wood, wrapping paper, or boughs from evergreens.

If you've never had your chimney cleaned and inspected or it's been a while, the Agawam Fire Department encourages you to take these precautions to prevent a chimney fire in your home.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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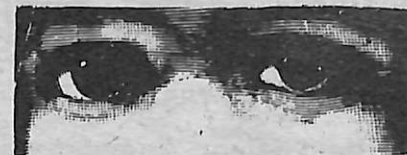
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Originally from West Springfield, Diane and her husband, an officer in the United States Air Force, have lived in many areas of the U.S. plus several countries overseas. This extensive traveling has made her sensitive to the needs of people who are relocating in or out of the area.

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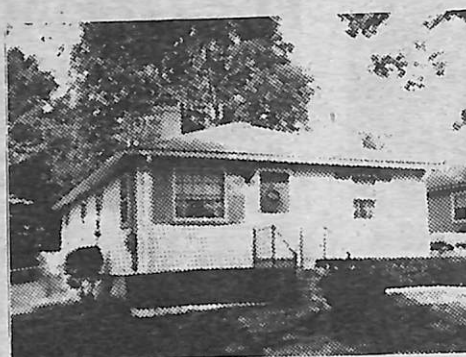
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## New Ambulance



THE AGAWAM FIRE DEPT. recently took delivery of a new 1995 McCoy Miller Ambulance. This ambulance will replace the 1982 Wheeled Coach which was purchased from Southwick as a spare ambulance in 1988. This new ambulance is state-of-the-art. IN TOP PHOTO, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Fire Chief David Pisano and McCoy Miller rep. Keith Walker. IN PHOTO BELOW pictured are EMT Richard Weld, Deputy Fire Chief Steven Martin, and EMT Vincent Pietroniro. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## 30 Agawam Residents Participate In Town's Inventory Of Trees

On October 14th, 30 Agawam residents gained intimate and detailed knowledge of some 500 trees located along Agawam's main roads. The project—labeled by some as "fun, challenging, rewarding," and even a "nice way to spend a Saturday"—was sponsored by the Agawam Beautification Committee in conjunction with the Agawam Office of Planning and Community Development. The project was made possible by a Urban Forest Planning and Education Grant funded by the Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services.

Dick Haas, a resident of Adams Street, said that the task was difficult but enjoyable. He decided to participate because of his pride in his community and interest in protecting some of its beautiful street trees. He stated that he hopes the information gathered would be used by the Town and could help to save some of the trees.

Wendy Hughes, an Agawam High School student and member of S.A.V.E. (Students Against Violating the Environment), said the process of identifying, measuring, and diagnosing the condition of trees along her route was a different experience. Four other S.A.V.E. members and their advisor, Pat Bertone-Gross, also participated in the tree inventory.

Providing technical assistance to the Town was Dennis Ryan, professor at the University of Massachusetts and Project Director of the Urban Forest Management project at the University; David Bloniarz, project coordinator from the University; Ed Casey, City Forester, Springfield Parks Department; and Doug Neilson, Western Mass Electric Co.

These individuals, as well as Deborah Dachos, Agawam's Director of Planning and Community Development, conducted a 2½-hour training session for all participants at the Springfield Science Museum on September 17th and were available on the day of the inventory to assist participants in the tree identification process.

The data gathered will now be placed in the Town's Geographical Information System and will be used by the Town in future urban forest projects. As soon as the data can be reviewed and analyzed, it will serve as the basis on which a townwide Tree Management Program can be developed, stated Debbie Dachos.

The Management Plan will address trees which present hazards to the public, methods to protect and preserve Agawam's public trees, and areas in which additional trees can be planted.

## Society Daughters Looking For Members For Organization

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Mercy Warren Chapter of Springfield welcomes new members.

It is open to any woman who is descended from a patriot who served in the American Revolutionary War. Meetings are held at Faith United Church, 52 Sumner Avenue, Springfield in the Guild Rooms on the first Tuesday of the month at 12:15 p.m.

For further information, please contact Registrar Marian Roan in Longmeadow (567-5771), Shirley Gentry in West Springfield (733-5484), or Jodie McGuinness in Westfield (762-5080).

## Vets' Week Noted



MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON presents Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas with a proclamation designating the week of November 4th-November 11th as a "Week of National Remembrance and the closing of the 50th Anniversary of World War II." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

*Please remember our deadline is Tuesday at noon but we appreciate those who stop in on Monday. We open at 6:30*

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## Families

### Agawam Residents Walk For World Hunger



JOSEPH MCDYER is greeted by "Peppermint Patty the Clown" at the Agawam CROP Walk on Sunday, October 22nd. IN PHOTO BELOW, organizers Bud Hardy and Vincent Callahan get the event underway. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



SOME OF THE LOCAL CELEBRITIES who participated in the October 22nd CROP Walk that began at the Agawam United Methodist Church included, from left - Vincent Callahan (committee member), Ray Hershel, TV News 40, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, State Rep. Daniel F. Keenan, Robert Broga (committee member), State Senator Linda J. Melconian, and Agawam Lions Club members John Negrucchi, Anthony C. Bonavita (president), and James Loomis. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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## Retzler Family Announces Birth Of Daughter, Brianna

James R. and Bridgette M. Retzler proudly announce the birth of their baby daughter, born on October 26, 1996.

Brianna Taylor Retzler weighed eight pounds, four ounces and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Gary McGee of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. James F. Retzler of Westfield, MA.

Paternal great-grandmother is Gertrude Fuchs of Bayreuth, Germany.

## Former AHS Graduate Elected To Chair Consumer Association

For the first time, the leader of the New England Business Section of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences comes from the Springfield area. Marilyn Haynes, C.F.C.S. of Wilbraham, has been elected to chair the professional association.

Haynes, a graduate of Agawam High School and the University of Massachusetts, is owner of Nutrition Education and Marketing Services, a nutrition consultant and healthy eating specialist. Haynes, whose diverse career has included food and nutrition education, marketing, counseling, dietetics, food service, clothing and real estate sales, health care education, grantsmanship, fundraising, and volunteer administration, is Certified in Family and Consumer Sciences.

The American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) is recognized as the comprehensive and integrative source of knowledge and the primary voice focusing on family, individual, and community well-being. Its Business Section is the leading forum for identifying trends and integrating consumer needs into the design and marketing of consumer goods and services. The New England group is a constituent organization of the national Business Section of AAFCS.

The New England Business Section of AAFCS provides outstanding local professional development programming, and networking opportunities for its members from five New England states, and awards an annual scholarship to a deserving student enrolled in Family and Consumer Sciences at an accredited college or university in the New England district.

Anyone interested in membership or scholarship information should contact Haynes at 599-1546.

## Agawam Unico Nat'l Slates Memorial Mass For November 12th

The 13th annual Memorial Mass for the deceased members of the Agawam Unico National will be held on Sunday, November 12th, at 5:00 p.m. Services will be held at the St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Agawam. The Celebrant of the Mass will be the Rev. Carmen T. Russo, C.S.S.

Also included this year will be the deceased members of the Westfield and West Springfield Chapters of Unico. Directly after the Mass, all are invited to partake of a luncheon which will be held in the Church hall.

Families and friends of Unico are invited to attend. If there are any questions, please call Lou Scherpa at 786-0203.

## Operation Friendship To Hold "Ski Sale" On November 18th

A "Ski Sale" sponsored by Operation Friendship of America, a nonprofit cultural exchange program, will be held on Saturday, November 18th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street (Route 187), Feeding Hills.

The ski sale is sponsored by the Ski-In. There will be savings of up to 75 percent on new ski equipment and accessories.

Used ski equipment and accessories will be sold on consignment (bring in your old ones on Friday, November 17th, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.).

For further information, contact Jerry Couture at 789-3388.

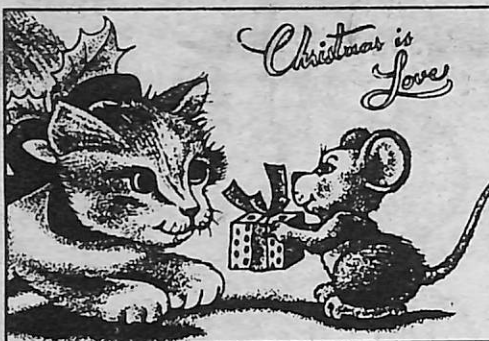
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## Cable TV's Effort For Hunger Relief To Begin Nov. 19th

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This unique, six-hour television extravaganza will feature such celebrities as Miss America Shawntel Smith, funnyman Dom DeLuise, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan and his wife Elizabeth, model Cheryl Tiegs, NBC Washington News Bureau chief Tim Russert, news journalist Sander Vanocur, and supermodel Vendela.

Joining the celebrities will be renowned chefs such as Wolfgang Puck, Martin Yan, Jacques Pepin, and Andre Soltner, all of whom will be cooking up a storm to raise funds for Share Our Strength, Citymeals-on-Wheels, and community food assistance programs.

Continental Cablevision is a proud participant in this effort to help in the fight against hunger. *Let's Make Sure Everybody Eats '95* is the second-annual fundraising television event presented by the TV Food Network in cooperation with Continental Cablevision and other cable systems across the nation.

The telethon is expected to reach over 25-million households and raise \$1 million. It can be seen on November 19th from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight on the following Continental channels:

Channel 2 - Northampton, Hatfield, Williamsburg, Westhampton, Conway, Deerfield, Sunderland, Huntington, Chester, and Whately.

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Channel 8 - Enfield, East Windsor, East Granby, Hartland, Somers, Somerville, Stafford, Stafford Springs, Suffield, Union, Windsor Locks, Broadbrook, CT, and Holland, MA.

For more information about this fundraising telethon, contact Jim McKeever, Community Programming Manager, at 586-6911.

## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, November 13th:** Chicken chow mein, fluffy white rice, mixed vegetables, oatmeal bread, apple.

**Tuesday, November 14th:** Hamburger, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, Canadian oat bread, canned peaches.

**Wednesday, November 15th:** Baked chicken leg, sweet potatoes, corn, whole wheat bread, pineapple chunks.

**Thursday, November 16th:** Pasta & egg soup, BBQ pork rib, baked beans, pumpnickel bread, canned pears.

**Friday, November 17th:** Thanksgiving Day Celebration—Roast turkey, stuffing with gravy, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, dinner roll, pumpkin pie.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

## Noah Bertone Has Completed Army Nat'l Guard Basic Training

Army National Guard Pfc. Noah M. Bertone has completed basic training at Fort Benning, Columbus, GA.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Bertone is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bertone Gross of 22 Leonard Street, Agawam.

## Mary Ann Gentile Weds David A. Adams

Mary Ann Gentile recently became the bride of David Anthony Adams in a ceremony at Bozarth Mansion in Spokane, WA.

The bride is the daughter of Joseph and Emily Gentile of Agawam. The bridegroom is the son of Anthony and Evelyn Adams of Daytona Beach, FL.

The couple is living in Spokane, where the bride is a clinical psychologist and the groom is a physical therapist (both are in private practice). They returned to their practices after a honeymoon in England.

## Fuel Assistance Can Be Obtained Thru Area Agency

West Springfield and Agawam residents may apply for fuel assistance at the Greater Westfield Area Head Start West Springfield site at the West Springfield Boys & Girls Club on 615 Main Street, West Springfield.

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To make an appointment to complete an application, call Head Start at 562-0586.

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# Handicap Can't Keep Tony Amato From Helping Kids Learn About Computers

by Peggy Shoemaker  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Recovering from a debilitating injury, Tony Amato of Cottonwood Street, Agawam reached out to help youngsters learn to use computers at the Westfield Boys' and Girls' Club and finds that he has also helped himself.

He instructs students (after school) in computer technology at the Westfield Club, and adults in the evening, as well as special needs and handicapped youngsters. Only the adults pay and their fees go back into the program for purchase of supplies, software, and computers. The program itself is self-supporting.

The program started with two computers and now boasts 14, Amato said in a recent interview. Also, a wide variety of educational, instructional, and recreational software. How this came about is the story of Tony Amato.

Tony is a graduate of Technical High School, Springfield, and the former Springfield Technical Institute (now Springfield Technical Community College), where he studied electronics. He was in the Army from 1968-1971 working as a radar repair man.

Later, he was employed by New England Telephone Company, worked as an electronic engineer for General Instrument, and as a super-market manager, where he used computers for payroll and ordering.

## A Lonesome Time

An industrial accident in 1983 resulted in neck and back injuries that left him unable to walk or sit. Eventually, he was well enough to use crutches and then a wheelchair, and only three months ago, he secured a car that he can manage himself. Although he was interested in music and writing, he recalls this as a lonesome time.

Tony got his first home computer, an old X-T model Upson, in 1988, and after that, read everything he could find on the subject. He joined the Pioneer Valley Computer Club (PVCC). This nurtured his love of computers and friendships with persons of similar interest. He is presently on the club's board of directors.

Using a modem, he said, he got "on line. It was like going out without leaving the house," he said. "It opened up my whole world."

The Boys' and Girls' Club (BGC) opened in Westfield on West Silver St. in 1991, and Dave Orcutt, a member of the Computer Club's board of directors, donated \$10,000 to the Westfield Club for purchase of a computer. Orcutt is a retired police officer who was injured in the line of duty. Amato volunteered to help set up a program and to teach youngsters two days a week at the club.



TONY AMATO of Agawam works on his computer at his Cottonwood Street home.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

A grant for \$15,000 was awarded the BGC for the computer program in 1994 through the Pioneer Valley Computer Club. Sponsors of the grant were the Ziff Davis Publishing Company and Micro Software. Amato went to Atlanta to accept the grant along with Joseph McGovern, director of the Boys' and Girls' Club, and Orcutt, now treasurer of the PVCC.

Tony teaches six to 18 youngsters, mostly on an individual basis. They learn to enter and operate the computer and to use a variety of software. They learn to draw, color, and to read as they operate the computer and may use it for homework. Occasionally, a teacher drops by the club to comment and observe.

There are many CDs for children, Amato said. Some teach pronunciation, different languages, and there is the Living Book Series. A game called "Word Rescue" matches words to things and there is a similar game called "Math Rescue."

Students can use two on-line services, Homework Helper, and Prodigy. They can ask the computer for information and the data base has 5,000 similar reference sources. The data base

searches and may come up with 150 sources, books, magazines, or newspaper articles where the information can be found. It is then up to the student to look through the materials provided and locate the information.

In this way, the student learns to do research in detail. Amato believes the students automatically transfer what they are learning to the classroom, probably without realizing it.

Tony has a 12 year-old daughter, Nicole, on whom he tries out software programs. "If she likes it, then I figure the kids at the club will, too," he said.

He works with students five days a week and with adults in the evenings. He also works with special needs and handicapped youngsters, and he uses the computer to help them relate to the world. Youngsters are sometimes referrals from schools or medical facilities.

## Insight And Patience

Tony's own handicap has given him insight and patience with special needs children. He takes time to improvise the equipment for their limitations and to develop responsiveness.

"I love kids," Tony says. "These are kids who would probably not have a computer at home or another chance for this kind of instruction."

Members of the PVCC used to drive Tony back and forth to Westfield, but with his new car, he can handle driving by himself. The car is equipped with a box on the roof that stores the wheelchair. At the press of a button in the car, the roof of the box with the attached wheelchair slides over and lowers the chair to the driver's side of the car. A push of the button will raise and fold it up again in the box on the roof.

This has made a tremendous difference to his sense of freedom, as he now drives himself to Westfield and other stops that he can manage. He feels that many places that consider themselves to be handicap accessible are really not, since handicaps vary and each person's limitations impose different needs.

Tony has a pet iguana called "Iggy" that he jokingly calls his technical adviser, and he has a new interest in "adaptive sports." This is adapting sports and sports equipment for the handicapped.

He heard about the group from a spine support group at Mercy Hospital and intends to delve into the subject.

His computer, the PVCC, BGC, and now his own car have been like doors opening up for Tony Amato and for the people he is reaching out to help.

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## Make-A-Wish Craft Fair Is Scheduled For Sat., November 11th

The annual "Wish Craft" Arts & Crafts fair to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Western and Central Massachusetts, will be held on Saturday, November 11th, at Agawam High School on Cooper Street.

More than 30 vendors will be offering unique creations in a wide variety of crafts, including wood carvings, sculpture, floral displays, jewelry, and Christmas decorations, as well as a bake sale.

The hours for the craft fair are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Western and Central Massachusetts is a non-profit charitable organization that works to grant the special wish of children ages 2½ to 17 who have been diagnosed as having a terminal or life-threatening condition.

For more information, contact Michelle Graci, Make-A-Wish Foundation of Western and Central Massachusetts, at (413) 733-9474 or (800) 873-9474.

## Donations Sought For Eye Surgery Of Young Bryan Beaudette

Bryan Beaudette, a fourth grade student at First Lutheran School, suffered a serious eye injury during an October 20th choir tour to Bronxville, New York.

He underwent initial surgery on the day the accident occurred, but in recent days doctors have been treating an infection that developed in his eye. After the infection clears up and the eye heals, more surgery will be necessary.

First Lutheran School, located at 1810 Northampton Street in Holyoke, is seeking donations to help the Beaudettes with the many expenses they face. Any donations made by December 31, 1995 to First Lutheran School in Bryan's name will be matched (a percentage) by Aid Association for Lutherans.

Bryan is the son of Mike and Laurie Beaudette of Springfield. Incidentally, Mike grew up in Agawam, and the family has many relatives and friends in Agawam.

For further information, contact First Lutheran School at 532-4272.

## AHS's Class Of 1970 Seeks Classmates For 25th Reunion

The Agawam High School class of 1970 is still looking for classmates. If you know of anyone who has not yet received their invitation, please call Joanne at 583-3478 or Sandy at 569-0439.

The reunion will be held November 25th at the Delaney House in Holyoke.

## Lions & Senior Athletes Hold Breakfast



THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB, in conjunction with the Agawam Senior Games group held a pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 29th at the Agawam Senior Center. IN TOP PHOTO are Lions Club members George Fedora, James Loomis, and Lions President Anthony C. Bonavita. IN PHOTO BELOW are Senior Games athletes Desiree M. Jacobs, Vi Presz, and Hal Deyo. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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## 'Harvest Days '95' At Heritage Hall



HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME held its Annual Harvest Day '95 on October 14th. IN PHOTO LEFT, members of the Agawam Senior Games group participated in the event - Vi Presz, Janice Bonk, Wally Kenyon, Ginny Ingram, Alice Bishop, Harry Ingham, and Lena Peloquin. IN NEXT PHOTO, Dolores T. Weeks was selling items for the harvest season; and in photo right, David O'Leary is greeted by clowns Loony Balloony and Fumbles. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



NANCY HALLBAUER (photo left) served as chairwoman of the "Harvest Day '95" at Heritage Hall Nursing Home and is pictured with Cub Pack 75 Cubmaster Jack Hallbauer (Sacred Heart Church). IN NEXT PHOTOS pictured are artisans Gail York, Tina Wetmore, and Janice Reynolds. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### Bazaar Set For St. Theresa's On Nov. 18th

St. Theresa's Church, Bridge Street, Agawam, will hold its Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 18th, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Crafts, Baked goods, a white elephant table, raffles, and more will be offered.

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## Coppola Named UNICO'S "Man Of The Year"



**LONGTIME AGAWAM UNICO member Thomas Coppola (center) receives proclamations from State Senator Linda J. Melconian and State Rep. Daniel F. Keenan for being named the club's "Man of the Year" at the October 27th banquet. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**



**AGAWAM UNICO PAST PRESIDENTS with 1995 "Man of the Year" Thomas Coppola - Terry Lettelier, Richard Forni, Coppola, Louis Russo, and Bruno Maule. Front row - Frank Chriscola and Thomas Cascio. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**



**UNICO "MAN OF THE YEAR" Thomas Coppola was the man of the hour at the Annual UNICO banquet on October 27th. Tom is pictured with his wife, Laura. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**



**AGAWAM UNICO committee members congratulate "Man of the Year" Thomas Coppola at the annual banquet. From left - Earl Hollister (event co-chairman), Coppola, Louis Russo (co-chairman), Frank Chriscola, Edward Disco, and Charles Calabrese. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**



**PAST AGAWAM UNICO PRESIDENT and District Governor Terry Lettelier (right) congratulates Agawam UNICO's "Man of the Year" at the annual banquet at Chez Josef. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**



**UNICO'S MAN OF THE YEAR Thoms Coppola (left) receives the prestigious award from fellow UNICO member Frank Chriscola. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**

## Agawam Legion Plans Country-Western Fest On Sunday, Nov. 12th

On Sunday, November 12th, the Wilson Thompson Post 185, Inc., the Feeding Hills Branch of the American Legion, will host its third Country & Western Jamboree at the Post from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m.

There will be five top country bands hosted by The Rustlers. Admission at the door is \$5. Hot dogs, hamburgs, and French fries will be sold with all the fixings.

A 50/50 raffle will also be offered. Half the money raised from this raffle goes to the Post and the other half to a lucky winner.

All monies raised from the Jamboree will go to Junior Achievement. So put on your boots, climb on your horse, and ride on down to the Legion Corral and dance with the bands.

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The Post's next monthly meeting will be held on November 13th at 7:30 p.m.

Members, please try to attend. The more, the merrier!

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## Bay State Gas & Fire Dept. Remind Residents About Heating Systems

Whether you heat your home with natural gas, oil, coal, or wood, your heating system can produce toxic carbon monoxide if it is not working properly or if it is inadequately vented. Signs indicating the presence of carbon monoxide include stuffy, stale, or smelly air, very high humidity and soot coming from a fireplace or heating system.

Often referred to as "the silent killer," carbon monoxide is a toxic gas that is odorless, colorless, and tasteless. Symptoms of poisoning are often confused with those of influenza, and the highest incidence of poisoning occurs at the onset of cold weather — or during flu season.

Symptoms of poisoning include headaches, dizziness, nausea, unclear thinking, shortness of breath, weakness, vision problems, loss of muscle control, and unconsciousness. However, a victim may not experience ANY of these symptoms, or only one or a few symptoms.

To reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning, have your heating system checked by your fuel supplier or a licensed heating contractor — preferably before the heating season begins. Also have your chimney or vent pipes checked for blockage.

If you suspect the presence of carbon monoxide in your home, open the windows and call your fuel supplier or licensed heating contractor for an emergency inspection.

### What Is Carbon Monoxide?

Carbon monoxide is a poisonous gas that is odorless, colorless, and tasteless. It is caused by the incomplete combustion of any fuel, including gasoline, oil, propane, natural gas, wood, or coal.

**What are the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning?**  
Symptoms are often confused with those of the flu, and most cases of CO poisoning occur at the onset of the heating season — or during flu season. A victim may not experience ANY of the following symptoms, or only one or a few of these symptoms:

- \* Headache
- \* Irritability

- \* Dizziness
- \* Weakness
- \* Visual disturbance
- \* Nausea
- \* Vomiting
- \* Fainting upon exertion
- \* Loss of muscle control
- \* Tightening of the chest
- \* Sleepiness
- \* Fluttering of the heart
- \* Confusion
- \* Cherry red skin (in severe cases)

### How can carbon monoxide be produced in a home?

High levels of carbon monoxide can be produced by:

- \* A malfunctioning heating system that operates on propane, natural gas, oil, coal, or wood.

- \* A blocked chimney or heating/water heating vent pipe.

- \* Heating equipment that is not adequately ventilated. This can be a problem if you enclose your heating system to add living space.

- \* A tightly sealed, overinsulated home that lacks proper ventilation.

- \* An exhaust fan in an attic or loft that continues to run when doors and windows are closed. Potentially dangerous combustion gases can be drawn into the house instead of escaping through the chimney.

- \* A barbecue grill used indoors.

- \* A natural gas or propane range that is used to heat a home.

- \* Running a car in an attached garage.

- \* Repairing an engine (for a lawnmower, snowblower, vehicle, etc.) indoors without proper ventilation.

Keep in mind, though, that the level of carbon monoxide in the home is directly related to the level of CO outside the home. This means that if you live on a street with a lot of traffic, you are likely to have a higher level of CO in your home than someone living in a low-traffic area.

## Open Pantry Is Collecting Donations For Thanksgiving Day

The Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry is currently collecting donations for Thanksgiving Day. Donations will be accepted through November 18th at Hollywood Video, 1403 Suffield Street, Agawam.

Items that are especially needed are stuffing, gravy, cranberries, potatoes and onions, and canned vegetables. Anyone desiring to donate a turkey, please drop off at Hollywood Video on November 18th.

Thank you for your help!

## Christmas Bazaar Set By Mercy Hospital At Westfield Site

Shop for crafts, homemade goodies, and holiday items at a Christmas bazaar, December 2nd, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Mercy Hospital's Weldon Adult Social Day Care Center, 24 Clifton St., Westfield.

There will be country crafts, special Christmas crafts, and handmade items created by program participants; a tag sale will offer bargains, and there'll be delicious baked goods for sale.

Proceeds will support the center's activity fund. For more information, call (413) 568-0555.

## Adoption Awareness Being Observed During November

November is a special time of the year. The holidays are right around the corner and the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) would like to remind the public that November is National Adoption Awareness Month across the country and in Canada.

For children without families, this festive season is an especially lonely time. It is important that we keep these children in mind throughout this giving season.

There are more than 400 children who are registered with MARE and wait for permanent families. These waiting children come from a variety of backgrounds. Some have physical or intellectual disabilities; some are part of a sibling group; many are of African-American or Latin/Hispanic heritage; many are age eight and older.

Children deserve families of their own. MARE would like to draw special attention to the plight of waiting children during National Adoption Month in hopes that we can unite many of these boys and girls with permanent, adoptive parents.

Throughout the month of November, MARE is sponsoring special events, including the proclamation signing declaring adoption month with the mayors of Boston and Springfield and the Governor of Massachusetts. This is a special time for the community to come together and discover the many possibilities of adoption.

For more information about National Adoption Month and special events in your area, contact MARE at 1-800-882-1176.

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For editors interested in feature stories, please contact MARE. We can provide information on waiting children and perhaps adoptive families in your area.

## AHS Class Of 1980 Plans 15-Year Reunion For Sat., Nov. 25th

The Agawam High School Class of 1980's 15th Reunion is scheduled for Saturday evening, November 25th.

All invitations have been mailed out and the committee is now awaiting your reply. If you have not responded yet, please do so as soon as possible so the appropriate plans can be made.

The address to reply is: P.O. Box 738, Agawam, MA 01001.

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## Agawam Lioness Hold Annual Sweater Sale



**MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM LIONESS CLUB** held their Annual Sweatshirt Sale on October 18th. From left - Terry Angotti, Rose Kieffer, Mary Roy, Elaine Taupier (president), Bernice Burton, Janet Gallerani, and Pat Lalancette. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### Colonial Dames To Meet Nov. 26th

Lady Arbella Chapter of the Pioneer Valley of the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century will hold their November meeting on Sunday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. on November 26th at the home of Vice-President Mary Alice Avato in West Springfield.

Guest speaker Mary Brave will speak about the Town Farm in Easthampton.

Members are reminded that the collection for the Pocahontas Scholarship will be gathered and magazines and small personal items are being saved for the Veteran's project in December.

Anyone interested in membership in the Lady Arbella Chapter of the Pioneer Valley should contact Registrar Shirley Gentry of West Springfield (733-5484), President Versa Rae Waite of Longmeadow (567-7176), or Jodie McGuinness of Westfield (562-0957).

Colonial Dames of the 17th Century is open to any woman 18 years of age and over who is the lineal descendant of an immigrant colonist who lived in the colonies prior to 1701.

### Holiday Fair Set At Country Estates For December 2nd

The **Country Holiday Fair**, a definite "not to be missed" event, is scheduled at Country Estates of Agawam on 1200 Suffield Street. It is scheduled for December 1, 1995 and December 2, 1995 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Besides the residents and staff at Country Estates, approximately 20 local vendors will display unique and selective gift and holiday items for sale. In addition, homemade baked goods and fudge will be sold. A Chinese auction of handmade goods is planned.

Please make a note on your calendar for December 1, 1995 and December 2, 1995. Stop in at Country Estates and take part in one of the best holiday shows in Western Massachusetts—the annual Country Holiday Fair.

### Holiday Baskets Again Being Planned By Jr. Women's Club

The Agawam Junior Women's Club, in conjunction with the Open Pantry, is collecting food for the Holiday Baskets program.

Saving the "Buy One, Get One" food specials is a good way to help out this cause. Collection boxes are in many places throughout the town—the library, Fitness First, many of the schools.

The Holiday Baskets are delivered for Thanksgiving and Christmas and many of the Agawam recipients are referred by the Open Pantry. Help your neighbor by donating to this worthy cause!

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Justin Christopher and James Anthony Macey were born on October 2nd at Wesson Women's in Springfield. Justin was born at 8:06 p.m. and weighed four pounds, four ounces, and James was born at 8:47 p.m. and weighed seven pounds, 3.7 ounces.

They were welcomed at home by their big sister, Michelle.

Paternal grandparents are Larry and Millie Macey of Agawam, and maternal grandparents are Antonio and Maria Marques of Ludlow.

## West Side Grange Has Sweater Sale On Saturday, Nov. 18th

West Springfield Grange No. 147 will hold its annual Sweater Sale, November 18th from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Grange Hall (corner of Garden & Lathrop Street, West Springfield).

Ladies', men's, and children's sweaters in all sizes, also extra large sizes, will be available. Sweaters are from Fredricks Mills in Ware.

There will also be a bake sale and fresh cranberries will be on sale.

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## Unique "Sew 'n Stitch/Quilt 'n Craft Expo" Coming To BIG E November 17th-19th

The unique New England "Sew 'n Stitch/Quilt 'n Craft Expo" will be staged November 17th through 19th at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield by Craft and Stitches Expo USA, Inc. (CASE-USA).

The show will bring together thousands of New England sewing, needlearts, quilting, and craft "do-it-yourselfers" with key supplies manufacturers, distributors, and retailers in these fast-growing fields, according to CASE-USA president, Charles E. Collins.

The New England Crafts and Stitches Expo will feature all that's new in sewing, needlearts, quilting, and crafts supplies. Many popular exhibitors—international, national, and local—will generate ideas, display their wares, stage hands-on "make 'n take" demonstrations, and provide shopping opportunities galore for New England's avid sewers, stitchers, quilters, and crafters.

Attendees will be offered the opportunity on each of the three days of the show to learn more about such skills as quilting, stitching, sewing, tole and decorative painting, glass etching, needlearts, woodcraft, and many others in free, no-registration classes conducted by top industry instructors.

In addition, Expo attendees will be treated to three presentations daily by TV's Dian Thomas, a long-time regular on NBC's "Today Show" and

ABC's "Home Show," as well as the author of six books and numerous magazine and newspaper articles. Often called "The First Lady of Creativity," Thomas is an advocate of practical, easy ways to add fun and creativity to everyday living, a very entertaining speaker, and just plain fun people.

"There's something for everyone who enjoys working with their hands at the Expo. Industry marketers will meet their customers one-on-one. And, attending sewers, stitchers, quilters, and crafters will see the newest products, get new ideas, receive top-notch instruction, and, of course, get to do a lot of shopping," Collins summarized.

The New England "Sew 'n Stitch/Quilt 'n Craft Expo" will be held at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield from November 17th through 19th. Show hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on all three days of the exposition.

Ticket prices will be: adults (19-64), \$7; seniors (65-plus), \$6; students, (6-18), \$4; and children under six years of age will be admitted free.

A consumer information line offers prospective attendees updated Expo and ticket information; call 1-800-699-1030.

## Storowton Village Museum Offering "Crafts For Giving" Workshops

Storowton Village Museum will offer its popular series of craft workshops, "CRAFTS FOR GIVING," in the historic Meeting House, from Tuesday through Friday, November 14th-17th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Each class will guide participants through a particular craft project which they can bring home and reproduce for future gift-giving.

\* **Tuesday, November 14th** - Create stenciled and cut work luminaries for the winter holidays to hold outdoor votive candles which can light the way along the path to a yuletide celebration. After basic techniques have been mastered, participants may bring this knowledge home to create luminaries of varied patterns. Price includes instruction and materials.

\* **Wednesday, November 15th** - June Cook, noted local herbalist, will guide participants through the steps of making personalized herbal wreaths, using natural materials. Learn how to construct this seasonal decoration and the ancient lore of herbs. Each wreath will contain meaningful flowers and herbs, instilling messages of protection and safety for the home in which the wreath will be displayed. Price includes instruction. There will be an additional charge of \$3 for materials.

\* **Thursday, November 16th** - Patty Szyluk brings her years of gingerbread making skill to Storowton. Participants in this workshop will learn the basics of the design and creation of a traditional gingerbread house. Each participant will bring home a completed house using freshly baked gingerbread and edible trim. Price includes instruction. There will be an additional \$10 charge for materials.

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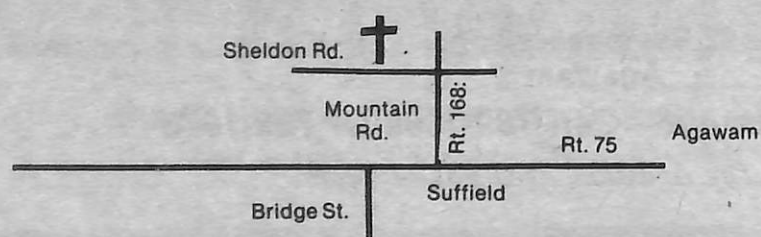
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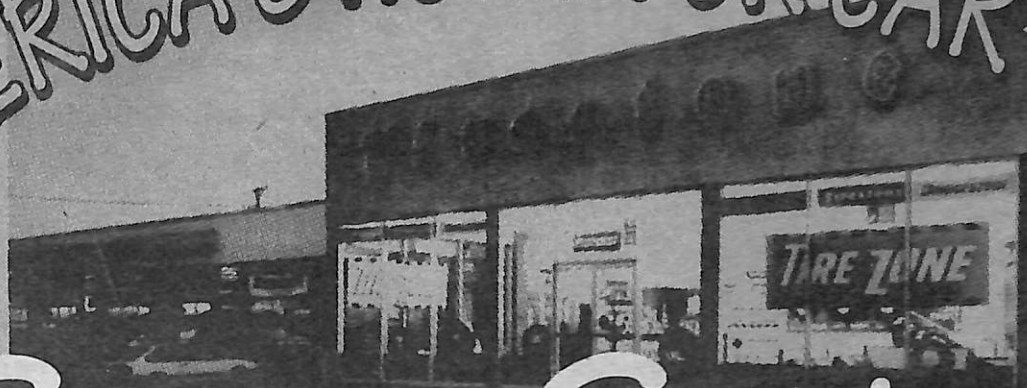
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# Church News

## Chicken Pie Supper At Ag. Congregational



THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH held a Chicken Pie Supper on Thursday, October 19th. IN PHOTO LEFT, Edward & Vera Lord are about to enjoy their dinner; IN PHOTO RIGHT, part of the kitchen crew included Bill Ekstedt, Carol Allen, Nate Sherwood, and Matt Blackak. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



ONE OF THE KITCHEN HELPERS at the Chicken Pie Supper sponsored by the Agawam Congregational Church on October 19th was Lucille Blackak. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## November Happenings At First Baptist Church

“Children of God” will be the topic of Pastor Richard Barnes’ sermon this Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. worship. Biblical source will be taken from 1 John 3.

The coffee and conversation hour will be held as usual following worship. Classes are available for all ages until 11:30 a.m.

The Social Action Committee is in need of clean, used blankets, children’s hats and mittens, and warm underwear for adults and children. These will be given to the Open Pantry for distribution to the needy.

Also needed are items for Thanksgiving baskets for local people in need this year—non-perishable food items and/or money.

Please bring these items with you to Sunday service.

Also on our calendar this week:  
Sunday, November 12th: 10:45 a.m., Visiting

Committee meets; 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m., Senior High meets; 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Junior High meets.

Monday, November 13th: 7:30 p.m., Social Action Committee.

Tuesday, November 14th: 10:00 a.m., Searchlighters Circle; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class.

Wednesday, November 15th: 7:15 a.m., Mid-Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, November 16th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 6:00 p.m., Take Out and Talk Out Bible Study; 7:00 p.m., Nuts & Bolts Christianity Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

Saturday, November 18th: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., JINGLE VALLEY FAIR.

Mark your calendar to attend any of the above events. You are always welcome at First Baptist. Above all, COME TO THE FAIR!

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**Church News - continued...****News & Notes From F.H. Congregational**

"Hope for the Future" will be the title of Rev. Donaldson's sermon this Sunday. Please join us for worship at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Literacy Class begin at 9:00 a.m. A collection for the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry will be taken during morning worship, which begins at 10:00 a.m.

Children are encouraged to attend the service with their parents; nursery care is provided.

If you have an item for the church newsletter, please submit it to the office by Tuesday, November 14th.

The Ladies Benevolent Society is pleased to announce their upcoming Chicken Pie Supper to be held on November 11th. Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and will cost \$7.50 for adults and \$3 for children under age eight.

The menu will include chicken pie, cranberry sauce, whipped potatoes, beet relish, butternut squash, rolls and butter, green beans almondine, homemade apple or squash pie, and a beverage.

There will also be a Mini-Bazaar with many unique items for sale. You can fill your holiday shopping list and your stomach with just one stop!

For reservations, call Mrs. Marjorie Taylor at 786-1935 or Mrs. Thelma Horenstein at 786-9195. Walk-ins are welcome!

Please note that due to the fact that the LBS will be using the kitchen, the regularly scheduled Youth Group Pancake Breakfast has been canceled for this month.

An invitation has been accepted from Rabbi Mark Shapiro to attend a Sabbath Service at Sinai Temple in Springfield on November 17th. The Confirmation Class from this church will attend with Melinda Coffey, their advisor.

Any adult members who would like to join them are welcome. Drivers are also needed. Please plan to leave Feeding Hills Congregational Church at 7:00 p.m.

After the service, visitors will tour the synagogue and meet with Rabbi Shapiro. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about people in our community.

Please remember that if you sponsored a walker for the CROP Walk, you need to turn your pledge in to them as soon as possible. Thank you for your support!

On the calendar this week:

**November 12th:** 9:00 a.m., Adult Bible Literacy/Sunday School; 10:00 a.m., Worship Service (Open Pantry); 11:30 a.m., Christian Ed meeting.

**November 13th:** 5:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:30 p.m., Trustees.

**November 14th:** Informer deadline; 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Stewardship/Missions.

**November 15th:** 2:30 p.m. Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Music Committee; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

**November 17th:** 6:00 p.m., OF Ski Sale set up; 7:00 p.m., Confirmants attend service at Sinai Temple.

**November 18th:** 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., OF Ski Sale.

**Activities At Agawam United Methodist**

This Sunday, November 12th, the Worship Service begins at 9:30 a.m.

The Mission Service has been postponed to Sunday, November 19th, with special guest speaker The Rev. T. Gbeh.

The Service will include the participation of our young people and Sunday School, who will read scripture and do a special rendition.

A coffee hour will follow.

This Sunday, November 12th, at 4:00 p.m. there will be a youth gathering.

Weather permitting, the session will begin with an outdoor sports activity. In case of inclement weather, indoor games will precede other activities and a light dinner.

Towards the last half hour, there will be discussion followed by song. Younger children present will engage in crafts in preparation for the Thanksgiving season.

A prize will be given for the best name for the group submitted.

The Annual Advent Workshop will be held on Sunday, December 2nd, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

**St. John's Church Welcomes Seven New Members**

St. John the Evangelist Church has welcomed seven new members.

They are as follows: **Tory Lynn Adams**, daughter of Shane and Jody Tory; **Rebecca Marie Cummings**, daughter of Joel and Betty Cummings; **Robert Rolland Kozlowski, Jr.**, son of Robert and Evelyn Kozlowski; **Kelsey Jennell Niziolek**, daughter of Thomas and Judith Niziolek; **Joshua Mathew Pioggia**, son of Mario and Kimberly Pioggia; **Thomas Vincent Sibilia, Jr.**, son of Thomas and Lisa Sibilia; and **Lauryn A. Winiarski**, daughter of Anthony and Cynthia Winiarski.

Father Howard W. McCormick, pastor of St. John's, celebrated the Mass for the Baptized.

**Agawam United Methodist Church Plans Turkey Supper For Saturday, Nov. 18th**

Agawam Methodist Church will hold a turkey supper on November 18th at 5:30 p.m.

Cost for adults is \$6, and for senior citizens, \$5. The menu will include turkey, dressing, mashed

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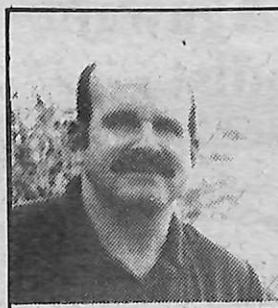


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## Church News - continued...



## Reflections...

by Reverend  
Peter Monahan  
Pastor • Church of  
the Apostles,  
Suffield, CT

Jesus once told a story about two men who went to church to pray. The story appears in the Bible, in Luke 18:9-14. One of the men who went to church that day was called in Pharisee.

It is not surprising the Pharisee went to church that day, or any other day for that matter, because that was one of the things Pharisees liked to do. The other man was one who didn't go to church a lot—hardly ever. He was a tax collector. He didn't go to church because he knew the people at church hated him, and he feared God probably did, too.

As Jesus told the story, "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and give a tenth of all I get.'

But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

So, we have from Jesus a short story about two men who went to church to pray. There are, you might have noticed, a few significant differences between these two men. Let's look at some of them, briefly. Since Jesus began His story with the Pharisee, we will look at him first. There are three things I noticed about the Pharisee.

The first thing I noticed is who the Pharisee prayed to: himself! The word "about" is more pro-

perly translated "to" or "towards." He did not actually pray to God, his prayer never got higher than the ceiling. The second thing I noticed about the Pharisee is that he saw two types of people in the world: an extremely small group of people whom he considered to be the elite, then the "other men."

In other words, he was convinced he was better than most other people. The third thing I noticed about the Pharisee is that he was pretty self-righteous. But even though he might have deceived himself as he misrepresented himself before God, God was not fooled. The Bible tells us that "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). There is only one person who never sinned, and His name is Jesus Christ. The rest of us are people who sin, at least from time-to-time.

Let's turn our attention to the tax collector, the one everybody hated. There are three things I noticed about him. The first thing I noticed is the humility of the tax collector. He was aware, perhaps painfully aware, of his spiritual condition. He approached the Almighty seeking grace. The second thing I noticed about the tax collector is who he prayed to, God; and rather than congratulate himself, he cried out for mercy.

The words "Have mercy on me" literally mean "Be propitious to me." A propitiation is a substitutionary sacrifice. 1 John 2:2 and 4:10 tell us that Jesus Christ was sent by God to be the propitiation for our sins. Jesus did not come to be a great moral teacher, although He was one. He came to die for our sins. The third thing I noticed about the tax collector is he went home justified. That means he went home innocent, freed from sin and the earthly and eternal consequences of it.

There is some irony to this story. One man claimed he was not "unjust," or an "evildoer." Yet God said he was, because all people are. Sadly, due to his pride and arrogance, he remained in that condition. However, the man at whom he sneered wound up being declared by God not to be "unjust" anymore.

There are some questions for us today: What are we asking for? With whom do each of us identify? Have we received the declaration from God that we are considered innocent by Him? If not, wouldn't we want to?

## St. John's Church Confirms Members

Thirty-seven members of St. John the Evangelist Church received the Sacrament of Confirmation recently.

Most Reverend Thomas L. Dupre, DD Bishop of the Springfield Diocese, performed the Rite of Confirmation.

Designated con-celebrants for the ceremony included Father Howard W. McCormick (pastor at St. John's), Father John K. Sheaffer, Father Albert E. Breton, Father Kenneth J. Tatro, and priests from the Springfield Diocese.

The following members were confirmed:

Corrie Antaya, Steven Bertolino, Kevin Bovat, Kelly Carmody, Justin Casalinghino, Jennifer Clarke, Timothy Conklin, Richard Cross, Shawn Czepliel, Jessica Czuprynski, Tara Fiorini, Thomas Galanis, Emily Gomez, T. Joseph Gontczaruk, Laurie Huffman, Tracie Jacapraro, David Robinson, Kerri Lawrence, Roy Longley.

Michael Malanson, Dean Miner, David Murphy, Garrick Orsatti, Daniel Pellegrino, Allison Reseigne, Catherine Reynolds, Jeremy Rodier, John Shea, Michelle Shea, Jamie Sherban, Brendan Silk, Kristine Sisk, Matthew Skowron, Jennifer Sparverl, Marc Tassone, Glenn Wegrzyn, and Gregory Wegrzyn.

## St. David's Auction For Building Fund Set For November 18th

The Polish-American Club, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, will be the site of an auction on Saturday, November 18th, to benefit the St. David's Episcopal Church Building Fund.

Articles to sell will include a 1971 Volkswagen Super Beetle with 45K miles, a Boston Garden "Last Hurrah" puck and program, Hartford Whalers' tickets, sports equipment, gift certificates, coins, collectibles, guitar and piano lessons, and a wide assortment of merchandise items for the home, office, lawn/office, or auto.

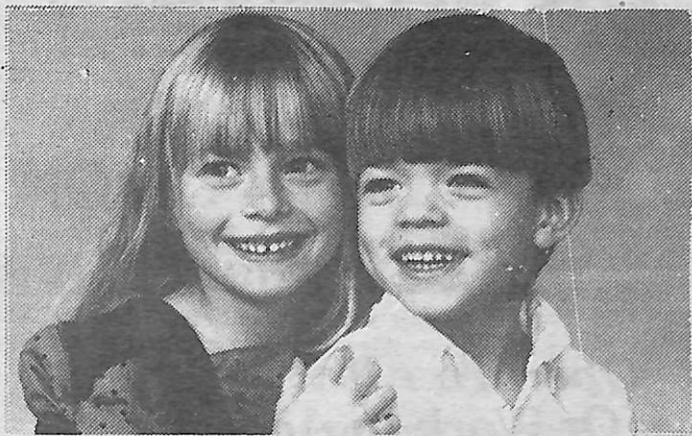
Preview and inspection of items will take place at 5:00 p.m., with the auction commencing at 6:30 p.m.

Auctioneer for this event will be Rossi Auctioneers, joined by Mayor Christopher Johnson and Police Chief Robert Campbell.

Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

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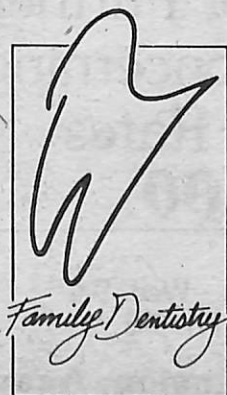
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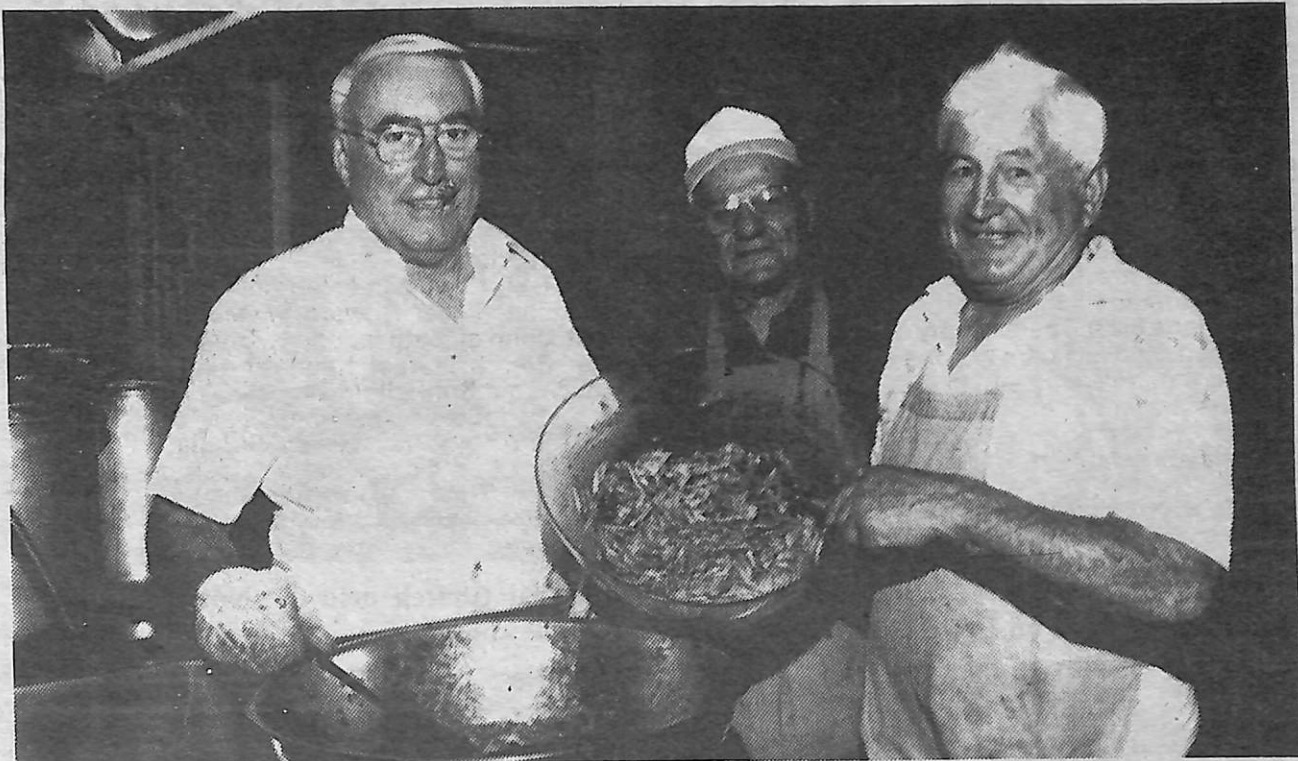
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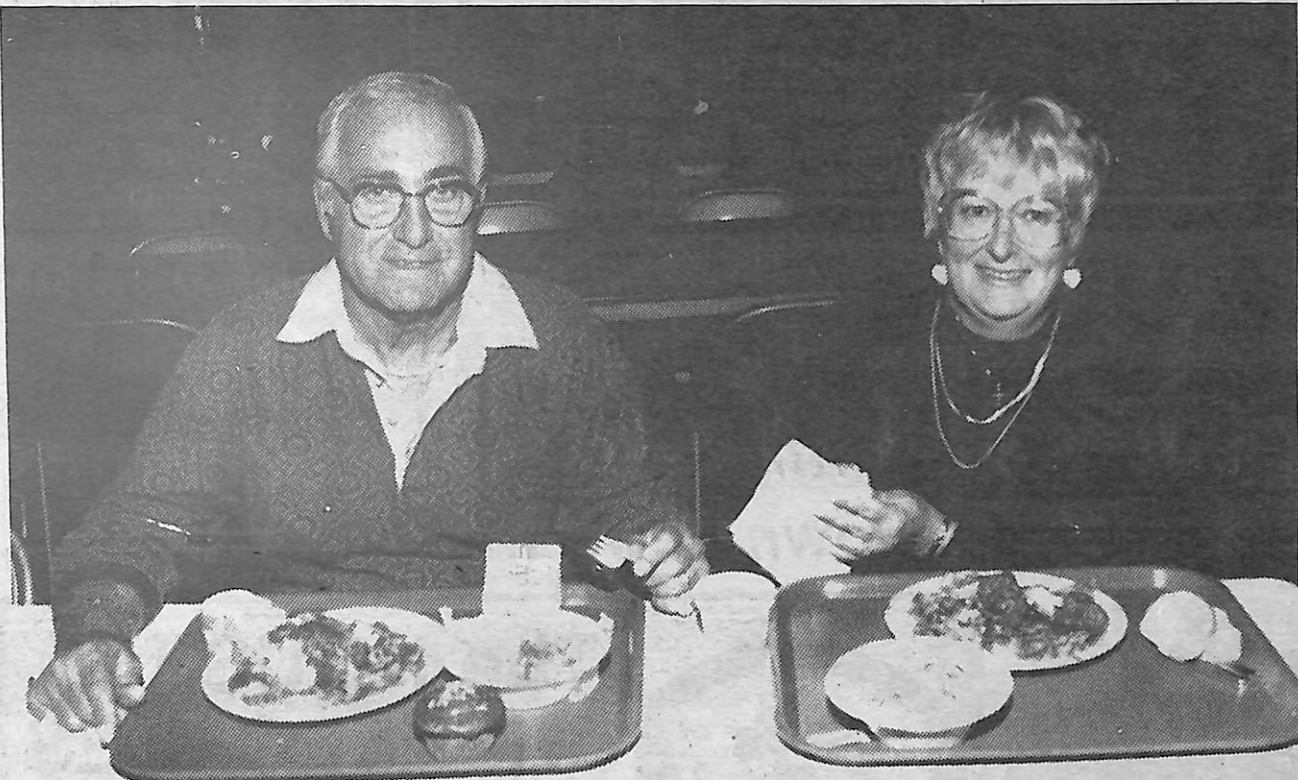
## Macaroni Supper At St. John's Church



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH held its Annual Macaroni Supper on Thursday, October 19th. IN TOP PHOTO, familiar kitchen helpers who are always up to their elbows in pots and pans are Ed Disco, John Chriscola, and Charlie Calabrese. IN PHOTO BELOW, Joe & Theresa Lovotti enjoy their meal served in the St. John's Parish Center. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



THE TWO SAUCE QUEENS at the St. John's Macaroni Supper on October 19th were Jennie Christopher (left) and Mickie Adelman. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



## Chicken Pie Supper Slated By Ladies Benevolent Society

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, is sponsoring a Chicken Pie Supper, mini-bazaar, and food sale on Saturday, November 11, 1995.

The menu will include: chicken pie, whipped potatoes, butternut squash, green beans almondine, cranberry sauce, beet relish, rolls and butter, homemade apple or squash pie, and beverage.

The cost will be \$7.50 for adults, \$3 for children under eight years of age, and preschool-age children are free. There will be continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

For reservations, call Mrs. Richard Taylor, 786-1935, or Mrs. William Horenstein, 786-9195.

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### Church Playgroup Holds Halloween Party

From 'I'll angels to 'I'll devils, the Playgroup children and their parents at the Agawam Congregational Church appeared for a "Not So Scarry Halloween Party!"

The groups, consisting of children as young as one week old to children who have just started kindergarten, attend with their moms, dads, grandparents, and friends weekly to enjoy a morning filled with crafts, toys, snacks, singing, dancing, new friendships, and fun for all.

The Playgroups began in 1989 with six mothers and their children and has grown to include some 50 or so families. The Playgroups, under the direction of Susan Tapply, are open to all and all are welcome!

Interested in joining the fun? Meeting new people? This just may be the place for you! Give Susan a call at 786-1430 on Wednesday or Thursday mornings or leave her a message at the church office anytime.

### Communion Supper At St. John's Church

The annual Mass and Communion Supper of the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will be held on Monday, November 13th at St. John the Evangelist Church at 6:15 p.m.

Reverend Howard McCormick, Pastor, will celebrate Mass in memory of the deceased members of the club. Choir members who are also members of the club, under the direction of Charles Maniscalchi, organist, will sing several hymns.

Sr. Francis White will be the soloist. Members of the choir are Peg Altobelli, Kay Capitanio, Lil Doyle, Bea Hamel, and Barbara Hill.

A family-style roast beef and chicken dinner, catered by Alcoa, will follow in the Parish Center.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Sr. Judith O'Connell, a Sister of St. Joseph for the past 34 years. She has served in varying capacities including teacher, guidance counselor, and chaplain at Smith College. She now serves as Vicar of Religious for the Diocese of Springfield. Her topic will be "Religious Life is the Real Life."

Co-chairpersons of the annual event are Penny DeForge and Stella Longhi. Serving on the committees are Bernice Beck, Ruth Bitzas, Alice Buell, Kay Capitanio, Bernice Consolini, Rosemarie Fazio, Claire Kaczmarczyk, Rita LaRose, Peggy Lepper, Mackie Morgan, and Estelle Veronesi.



THE PLAYGROUP AT THE Agawam Congregational Church held a "Not So Scarry Halloween Party" on October 25th. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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**Church News - continued...****Weekly Calendar From  
Ag. Congregational  
Starts Nov. 12th**

Sunday, November 12th, is Stewardship Sunday. Rev. Curt Fuller's Sermon will be "Growing Towards God" from Text: Luke 21:1-4. The Children's Message will be "Please Share Your Gifts."

This Sunday, there will be Youth Communion for seventh through 12th grade at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in the Worship Chapel. This program is designed to help the youth understand the meaning and importance of Holy Communion. Deacons will assist Rev. Fuller with Communion. Church School continues, with adult and seventh through 12th grade meeting at 9:15 a.m., and Crib Room through sixth grade meeting at 10:30 a.m. during the Worship Service.

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A Piano Recital presented by Brad Tilden will be held in the afternoon at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 12th, with a reception following the program.

A donation of \$3 is requested.

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The Jr. Choir continues to meet following the Worship Service. All children ages three to 16 are welcome to attend the choir practice.

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Playgroup for infants to pre-school is every Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. For more information about the Playgroup, call Sue Tapply at 786-1430 or the church office at 786-7111.

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The Midweek Service is held each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. This service is a half-hour, informal Worship Service with hymns, prayers, and communion.

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The Annual Holly Wreath Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 18th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Crafts, baked goods, attic treasures, raffles, and a luncheon are just a few samplings of the fair.

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The New Member Class continues on Sunday, November 12th, at 5:00 p.m. The classes will cover the exciting programs and activities of the church.

Also, the local, regional, national, and worldwide church mission projects and service opportunities of the church will be discussed.

If you would like to join our Fellowship, please contact Rev. Fuller, 786-7111.

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Sunday, November 19th, is Thanksgiving Sunday. Food stuffs will be collected for donations to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry. Food items may be left in the church office before Sunday.

This Sunday is also Blanket Dedication Sunday. Money donated for blankets will be dedicated during the Worship Service. For each \$5 donation, a blanket will be purchased and sent to area persons in need.

**“Jingle Valley Fair”  
At 1st Baptist Church  
On November 18th**

The First Baptist Church, 760 Main Street, Agawam will present its annual "Jingle Valley Fair" on Saturday, November 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Each year, hundreds of wonderful holiday items and gifts are presented. Tables include The General Store, The Candy Cupboard, Grandmother's Cupboard, The Loft, Attic Treasures, The Shed, Blacksmith Shop, and The Snack Bar.

The items are too numerous to mention. You will find hand-crafted items, homemade goods and sweets, handmade Christmas decorations, White Elephant items, as well as fresh plants and dried flowers, as well as door prizes. Also, crafted cemetery boxes may be ordered for \$8 by calling 786-8285.

A "Snowflake Luncheon" with sittings from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. will be offered for only \$5. Menu includes Southern chicken casserole, cranberry salad, blueberry muffin, apple dessert, and coffee, tea, or milk.

For advanced reservations, call 786-0337 or 786-8624. Don't miss it. See you there!

**Chicken Suppers  
To Begin Nov. 11th**

The Supper Committee at Valley Community Church is eagerly resuming their monthly chicken suppers beginning Saturday, November 11th.

The menu will consist of baked chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, two hot vegetables, rolls with butter, cranberry sauce, pickles, olives, and a beverage.

Also included is your choice from the community-famous, guaranteed fattening, dessert table.

There will be continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and the cost is still only \$6.50 for adults and \$3.25 for children.

Reservations are very strongly suggested as they have been sold out on numerous occasions. Reservations can be made by calling the church office at 786-2445 or Kathy Manley at 789-1376.

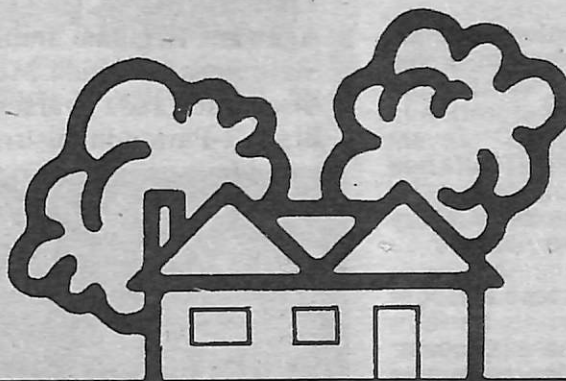
Please feel free to leave a message at either number.

**Dominican Nuns To  
Hold Hour Of Prayer**

The monthly Hour of Prayer and Song for the families of the world will be held at the Dominican Nuns' Monastery Chapel, 1430 Riverdale Street, West Springfield, on Sunday, November 19th, at 4:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The service will include the singing of Evening Prayer and the recitation of the rosary, sermon, and Benediction.

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## Spotlight On Business

### 2 New Businesses Welcomed Last Week To Ag. I-Park

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, municipal officials, and guests joined Agawam business and civic leaders in ribbon-cutting ceremonies at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 30th, in the Agawam Regional Industrial Park.

The event welcomed **SPECTRUM ANALYTICAL, INC.**, which has just completed construction of a 7,500-square-foot office building in the park. The new single story masonry structure is located on a 1.9-acre parcel at 11 Almgren Drive. The location will serve as the firm's corporate headquarters and house a state-of-the-art environmental testing laboratory. **SPECTRUM ANALYTICAL, INC.** provides soil, water, and air quality analysis to consultants, industries, municipalities, and the public.

The company previously was located in space leased at 588 Silver Street. Construction of the new facility was necessitated by the phenomenal growth of the company since its incorporation in 1990. Under the direction of Hannibal C. Tayeh, principal and company president, **SPECTRUM** has tripled its volume of clients, and revenues have increased eightfold. The new location will employ approximately 25 people, with more planned as business grows.

The company currently does business throughout New England and is qualified to perform analyses in several states along the east coast. Site plan approval for the development was granted by the Town of Agawam early in August. Through the cooperation of Agawam officials and assistance from **SPECTRUM's** professional staff, K.D.S. CONSTRUCTION COMPANY was able to substantially complete the project in less than 90 days. K.D.S. CONSTRUCTION COMPANY of Belchertown is owned and operated by Kenneth and Daniel Stebbins. The contractor specializes in masonry construction and has completed several major projects in the industrial park.

Allan W. Blair, administrator of industrial park developer Westmass, states, "Environmental concerns are crucial to the process of developing master plan industrial parks. We are very pleased that **SPECTRUM** selected a site in our park for their corporate headquarters. Their decision serves to illustrate that expansion of our industrial base can and should be accomplished in balance with the impact on our region's environment."

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Municipal officials and guests also joined Agawam business and civic leaders in ribbon-cutting ceremonies at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 31st, in the Agawam Regional Industrial Park.

The event welcomed **REFUSE/ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS, INC.**, the newest corporate tenant to build in the park and dedicate their recently completed 10,000-square-foot office building. **REFUSE/ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS, INC.** is relocating from West Springfield and expanding operations on a 3.6-acre site at 830 Silver Street in Agawam. The principals of the firm, president Richard V. Bisesti and vice-president Linda Pearson, were actively involved in the design and construction of the facility, having selected the Agawam property from a number of options throughout the area.

Randy Conklin, president of general contractor THE O'LEARY COMPANY, credits their personal involvement and the expertise and cooperation of Agawam officials with bringing the project in six weeks ahead of schedule. "Rich and Linda's suggestions for a number of extra touches produced a finished product that we can point to with pride. The building certainly is an asset to the community and was completed in only 11 weeks."

**REFUSE/ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS, INC.** manages the solid and small quantity hazardous waste for companies nationwide. Having recently celebrated their 10th anniversary in business, R/C has become an industry leader in finding cost-effective methods for dealing with industrial and commercial waste generation, disposal, and recycling.

In addition to its role as a management consultant, the company distributes a variety of waste-handling equipment and environmentally friendly products to manufacturers, retail stores, restaurants, and hotels. They anticipate that over 40 people will be employed at the Agawam site.

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**THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONIES** at Refuse Environmental Systems, Inc., at the Agawam Regional Industrial Park. From left - Rosemary Sandlin, administrative aide to State Senator Linda Melconian; James Taylor and George Bitzas, Town Council; Richard Biseti and Linda Pearson, Refuse Environmental; Christopher C. Johnson, mayor; and Allan Blair, I-Park administrator. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**THE STAFF OF SPECTRUM ANALYTICAL INC.**, at ribbon-cutting ceremonies on October 30th at the Agawam Regional Industrial Park. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**AT THE RIBBON-CUTTING** ceremonies at Spectrum Analytical Inc., in the Agawam Regional Industrial Park. From left - Rosemary Sandlin, aide to Senator Linda Melconian; Daniel F. Keenan, state rep.; Hannibal C. Tayeh, Spectrum president; Christopher C. Johnson, mayor; Allan Blair, I-Park administrator; James Taylor and George Bitzas, Town Council; and Michael Fiorini, Environmental Compliance Services. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



## Spotlight On Business - continued...



**THE STAFF OF REFUSE/ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS** with the big pair of scissors at ribbon-cutting ceremonies in their new facility in the Agawam Regional Industrial Park on October 31st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**INSIDE THE NEW REFUSE ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS, INC.,** facility on ribbon-cutting day in the Agawam Regional Industrial Park. From left - Randy Conklin, O'Leary Company - builders; Richard Bisesti and Linda Pearson, Refuse Environmental Systems; and Allan Blair, administrator of the Agawam I-Park. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**MORE STAFF MEMBERS** of Spectrum Analytical cut the ribbon on October 30th at their new facility in the Agawam Regional Industrial Park. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Blair added, "We are very pleased to have **REFUSE/ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS** locate in our industrial park. Environmental consulting and waste management is projected to be one of the Commonwealth's growth industries in the coming years. The commitment to the community that Richard Bisesti has exhibited through this substantial investment reinforces our opinion that the region's transportation and educational resources make the Pioneer Valley an ideal location for this type of business."

## N.E. School Supply Consolidated With Other Divisions

New England School Supply and its parent company, EDA Corporation of Appleton, Wisconsin, announced recently that all six of EDA's operating divisions have been consolidated under one name, School Specialty, Inc.

School Specialty, the largest supplier of school supplies and furniture in the United States, is headquartered in Appleton, Wisconsin. School Specialty's New England Division will continue to focus on the needs of K-12 customers throughout Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York.

Dan Spalding, President of EDA Corporation, explained that the consolidation is meant to advance the company as a full service provider of school supplies and furniture to public and private K-12 schools. Spalding said that operating under one name greatly enhances the company's order fulfillment capabilities because all products at any of its six distribution centers, representing over 500,000 square feet, are now available to all customers, regardless of location.

The six operating divisions will make the transition to the new name over the next year, during which time they will use their former division names in combination with School Specialty. School Specialty's operating divisions which represent a combined 340 years in the school supply industry are located in Appleton, Wisconsin; Columbia, Maryland; Cedar Falls, Iowa; Agawam, Massachusetts; Portland, Oregon; and Salina, Kansas.

Spalding indicated that bringing all operating divisions under one name is also intended to facilitate acquisitions planned for territories in which the company does not currently compete. New acquisitions will begin the name transition immediately. School Specialty is currently a \$130 million distributor of school products with 500 full-time employees, and hires an additional 500 on a seasonal basis.

## West Side MAACO Been Reconfirmed For Collision Repairs

Following its recent re-inspection by the MAACO Operations Department, the MAACO center at 78 Sylvan Street, West Springfield, has been reconfirmed as a Certified Collision Center.

The auto painting and body repair facility, owned by Joe Houghton and Bruce Tilden, was first opened in 1990.

"We're pleased to be among an elite corps of centers that have been designated Collision Certified by MAACO for maintaining the very highest standards in the quality repair of damaged vehicles," Houghton said.

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Nearly nine-million vehicles have been repaired and painted by MAACO centers. Founder and President Anthony A. Martino opened the first MAACO center in Wilmington, DE, in 1972. He attributes the company's continuing success to its reputation for both service and value.



Spotlight On Business - continued...

# Anniversary Celebration Held At Fitness First



**KURT & PAULA WELKER** are the proud owners and operators of Fitness First Health Club in Feeding Hills. The couple is pictured on Saturday, October 28th, the day of the club's open house/anniversary celebration. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**FITNESS FIRST OWNER Paula Welker** (right) welcomes **Bonnie Carney, Mary Orsatti, Pete Rocca, and Heather Burgen** to the club's open house/anniversary celebration on October 28th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Lung Association Plans Christmas Gala

The American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts will be holding its Fifth Annual Christmas Seal Gala on Saturday, December 2nd. The event will attract more than 300 guests and friends of the Lung Association and it will be held at the Oaks in Agawam. There will be a social hour from 6:30-7:30, dinner at 8:00, and dancing to the popular band "Breezin" from 8:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.

Brenda Garton, News Anchor from TV 22 will be the M.C. This event is open to the public and individuals, couples, or groups of eight or 10 are welcome. The price is \$85 per couple. A silent auction will be a featured attraction.

The event helps kick-off the Annual Christmas Seal mail campaign. Over 335,000 pieces of mail are sent to households in Western Mass. carrying the 1995 children art works on this year's Christmas Seals.

The goal for this year's drive is to raise \$138,000 which will be used to benefit children with asthma. For more information on the Christmas Seal Gala and how you can support the work of the Lung Association, call 413-737-3506 or 800-LUNG-USA.



**AT THEIR OPEN HOUSE/ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** on Saturday, October 28th, children in the club's nursery dressed in their Halloween costumes. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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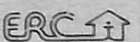
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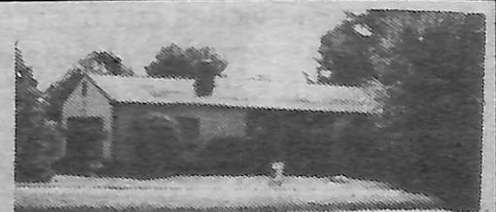
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**John Schuler**  
Real Estate  
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820 Suffield Street, Agawam, MA**Paying Too Much Money**

Offering too much or too little money for a home can be one of the many pitfalls involved in the home buying process. Obviously, offering too much can be costly for the home buyer. If the offer is unrealistically low, the negotiations can be stymied by an insulted seller who may refuse to consider future counter-offers.

With help from a real estate sales associate and a little common sense, however, a home buyer should be able to make a reasonable offer that jump-starts negotiations with a seller.

A good first step in the process is to compare the seller's asking price with the prices actually paid for similar homes in the same area within the past year. Using local Multiple Listing Service (MLS) data, a real estate sales associate can provide a list of selling prices for similar homes and help the buyer make comparisons.

Some real estate sales associates recommend viewing several similar homes in the area that are on the market before making a decision on how much to offer on the home you really want.

Typically, a buyer's first inclination is to make an offer which is comparable to one of the lowest recently accepted offers for similar homes. The seller may not be overly enthusiastic about this type of first offer, but may not immediately reject it either—as long as it's reasonable. In any case, researching selling prices of similar homes usually provides a figure which can be used as a starting point for the negotiation process.

An evaluation of selling prices may not be possible if the home in which a buyer is interested does not compare with others in the area. In this case, the buyer could have the home's value professionally appraised. There is always the risk, however, that another buyer could make an offer and purchase the home before an appraisal is completed.

Making a well-researched offer is the best step a buyer can take towards successful negotiations in the home buying process.

If you need assistance in finding your dream home, call us, "we can help."

(John Schuler is the broker/owner of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc. in the Southgate Plaza, Agawam, MA [413-789-1117].)

**Happy Anniversary, Westfield Savings!**

**AT THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of Westfield Savings Bank in Southwick (from left to right): Calvin J. Arnold, Trustee; Robert M. Brown, Branch Manager; Charles Chunglo, Trustee; and Bank President Donald Williams.** Advertiser News photo by

Joan Lussier.

**James Healey Of Agawam Forms Partnership In Financial Management Co.**

James L. Healey of Agawam, an investment executive and former Operations Manager of PaineWebber Incorporated's Springfield branch office, has formed a partnership with Nick Bazos, First Vice President-Investments. The announcement was made by George C. Keady, branch manager.

Mr. Healey will join forces with Mr. Bazos providing sound financial investing services to their clients, specializing in retirement planning and managed accounts. Mr. Bazos, who has been serving the investment community for 27 years, has been with PaineWebber since 1989. Prior to join-

ing PaineWebber in 1988, Mr. Healey worked for Shearson Lehman Brothers' Springfield branch office.

Mr. Healey specialized in finance at Bentley College, Waltham, Mass. and Western New England College, Springfield.

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# W. Mass Advertising Club Announces Its Board Of Corporators

The Advertising Club of Western Massachusetts has announced the appointment of its Board Officers as voted by the membership. In addition, The Ad Club's Board of Corporators have also been selected by the officers.

Reelected to a second term as president is David Cecchi, principal of DRC Design, Feeding Hills, and art director at The Super Market in East Longmeadow. Cecchi is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design. Much of his work can be seen in advertising and corporate communication projects done for clients throughout the area.

Kristen Counter is the vice president of programming. Counter is a sales representative at Bassette Printing in Springfield where she handles corporate and commercial sales. Counter held a similar post at the Linweave Paper Company.

Carlo Centeno is the vice president of special events. A Boston University graduate, Centeno runs Carlo Centeno Communications in Longmeadow where he provides concept development, writing services, and location photography for advertising, editorial, and corporate communications clients.

Todd LeMieux is the vice president of communications. A Westfield State College graduate, LeMieux is advertising and graphics director of Al's Beverage Shop, a wholesale beverage company based in Springfield.

The Ad Club's Board of Corporators is a 21-member group of area professionals serving as an advisory panel to the officers of the Ad Club. On a quarterly basis, the Corporators will provide direction and input with regard to policies, trends, and activities as it pertains to the communication arts.

These professionals represent not only the region's communication arts industry, but the membership body as well.

## Spfld. Chapter IMA To Meet Nov. 15th

The next meeting of the Springfield Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) will take place on Wednesday, November 15th, from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. at Storowton Tavern on the Eastern States grounds, 1305 Memorial Drive, West Springfield.

The speaker will be Chris Bullen of Whalley Computer, and his topic will be "Internet: What's Needed? Is It For Me?"

The cost is \$17 per member, and reservations can be made with Peter Hanson, (413) 786-2355.

Non-members and guests are welcome.

Best local news...

## Woronoco's Mahoney Gets National Post

Cornelius D. Mahoney, President and CEO of Woronoco Savings Bank, has been elected Second Vice Chairman of America's Community Bankers, a national association which represents savings and community financial institutions throughout the United States.

"Election to one of the top posts of America's Community Bankers, an organization which reflects Woronoco's long-standing tradition of community investment and involvement, is especially relevant to me," Mahoney says. "I believe strongly that the economic progress of town and cities across America is closely linked to the strength of the community banks which support them. I'm looking forward to continued personal and professional commitment to Woronoco's growing community here in Western Massachusetts ... and I welcome this opportunity to broaden my perspective while serving ACB's expanding national membership."

Mahoney's election as America's Community Bankers' Second Vice Chairman follows the recent completion of his term as Chairman of The Massachusetts Bankers' Association. President and CEO of Woronoco Savings Bank since 1986, Mahoney was appointed Woronoco CEO in 1985. Previously he served Woronoco in lending, operations, marketing, and investing positions. Mahoney began his banking career in 1970 with the First Hawaii Bank in Honolulu, where he was mortgage investor services officer before he joined Woronoco in 1975.

As Woronoco's President/CEO, Mahoney has presided over significant growth during the last decade for the Westfield-based community bank. Now a \$272 million institution, Woronoco has more than doubled in asset size since Mahoney became President, and the number of its full-service branches have increased three-fold in that time.

Under Mahoney's leadership, Woronoco Savings Bank has also significantly expanded its services, and today offers Trust and Financial Management Services, a full range of professional money management options for individuals, corporations, and non-profit organizations and associations.

"While growth and financial strength are important," Mahoney said, "innovation and community involvement are always high priorities at Woronoco. We were the first Massachusetts banking institution to establish a full-service, in-school branch, which is staffed by students at Westfield High School, and Woronoco was first in Western Massachusetts to open in-store supermarket branches."

"But the key to continued success of community banks," states Mahoney, "remains their close ties to local people, local businesses, local institutions. I hope, through my involvement in a leadership position of a national association whose mission coincides with Woronoco's to em-



CORNELIUS D. MAHONEY

phasize the importance of remaining focused on local commitments, on community. I am convinced that our shared goals substantially benefit us, and the local communities and people we all serve."

Two other saving institutions executives have also been elected to top posts at America's Community Bankers: James F. Montgomery, Chairman/CEO of Great Western Financial Corp., the second largest savings bank in the country, headquartered in California, has been elected Chairman of ACB. C. William Landefeld, President/CEO of Citizens Savings Bank of Normal, Illinois, will serve as first vice chairman.

A member of ACB's board of directors, Mahoney is also Chairman of their Education Committee. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Credit Bureau of Western Massachusetts and of Connecticut On-Line Computer Center, Inc. and is Visiting Associate Professor at Westfield State College. He serves on the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Center for Financial Studies at Fairfield University located in Fairfield, Connecticut.

His extensive community involvement includes Past Chairman of the Greater Westfield Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors, Westfield Community Development Corporation; Corporator, Greater Westfield Boys & Girls Club, and Past Board of Directors, Rotary Club of Westfield.

Cornelius Mahoney is a graduate of Chambridge University and holds an MBA degree from Western New England College. A Vietnam Veteran, Mahoney served as an Intelligence Officer in the United States Army.

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# For Your Health



## Living Well

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## Osteoporosis

Osteoporosis can be a debilitating state in which a person's bones start to thin. A thinness of the bones can lead to poor posture (hunch back), easily broken bones, loss of flexibility, and pain and discomfort.

Women seem to be at a greater risk for developing osteoporosis. Other risk factors include: extreme thinness, fair skin, drink alcohol, smoke, diet high in fat and low in calcium, and lack of exercise.

Research shows that exercise can slow or prevent osteoporosis, and in some circumstances it can increase the density of your bones. If you have been diagnosed with osteoporosis or think you may have it, you should seek your physician's permission before starting an exercise program.

Guidelines for exercising may include the following:

- Discontinue any exercise that causes pain or discomfort.
- Choose exercises that are low impact (such as the water exercise classes at Fitness First).

- Avoid activities that involve sudden jerky movements.

- Start slowly and over a period of time increase your activity level.

- Make sure you do weight-bearing exercises such as walking or strength training. Your bones respond to this stress by becoming stronger.

- If you choose to exercise at a health club, choose a club like Fitness First that has professional staff with the appropriate educational background, certifications, and experience in dealing with osteoporosis.

With your physician's permission, exercise could be the best thing to combat osteoporosis with. What are you waiting for? It is never too late.

## Head Injury Support Group To Hold Mtg. At Mercy Hospital

The next monthly meeting of the Head Injury Support Group, sponsored by the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, will be conducted on November 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center.

Head injury patients, their families, and friends are invited to attend this free meeting. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Joanne Sullivan, (413) 748-6990.

## Better Breathers To Meet At Mercy Hosp.

Better Breathers, a monthly pulmonary support group, will conduct its next meeting on November 15th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

The group, sponsored by the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy in conjunction with the American Lung Association, invites people with lung disease and their families to attend the afternoon of sharing and learning about living with lung disease. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Linda Christian, (413) 748-9610.

## Providence Hospital Auxiliary To Host Annual Holiday Bazaar

Holiday decorations will hang from the walls, Christmas angels will don the tables, and the smell of freshly baked pies and cakes will fill the air. Browsers will find all of this and much, much more at the annual Holiday Bazaar to be held on November 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Providence Hospital Lobby.

Providence Hospital Auxiliary members have been busy hand-crafting and baking the many items on sale. There will be Christmas angel ornaments, holiday wreaths, and table decorations, as well as homemade pies, stollens, perogies, clam chowder, and spaghetti sauce.

Raffle tickets will also be available for a drawing for a crystal punch bowl with 12 glasses. The money raised from the Bazaar and raffle will go to Patient Care Services.

The Providence Hospital Auxiliary is comprised of approximately 180 members representing all aspects of the community. Members organize and sponsor a number of fundraisers, including an art auction, fashion show, and jewelry sale in order to raise additional money for hospital programs.

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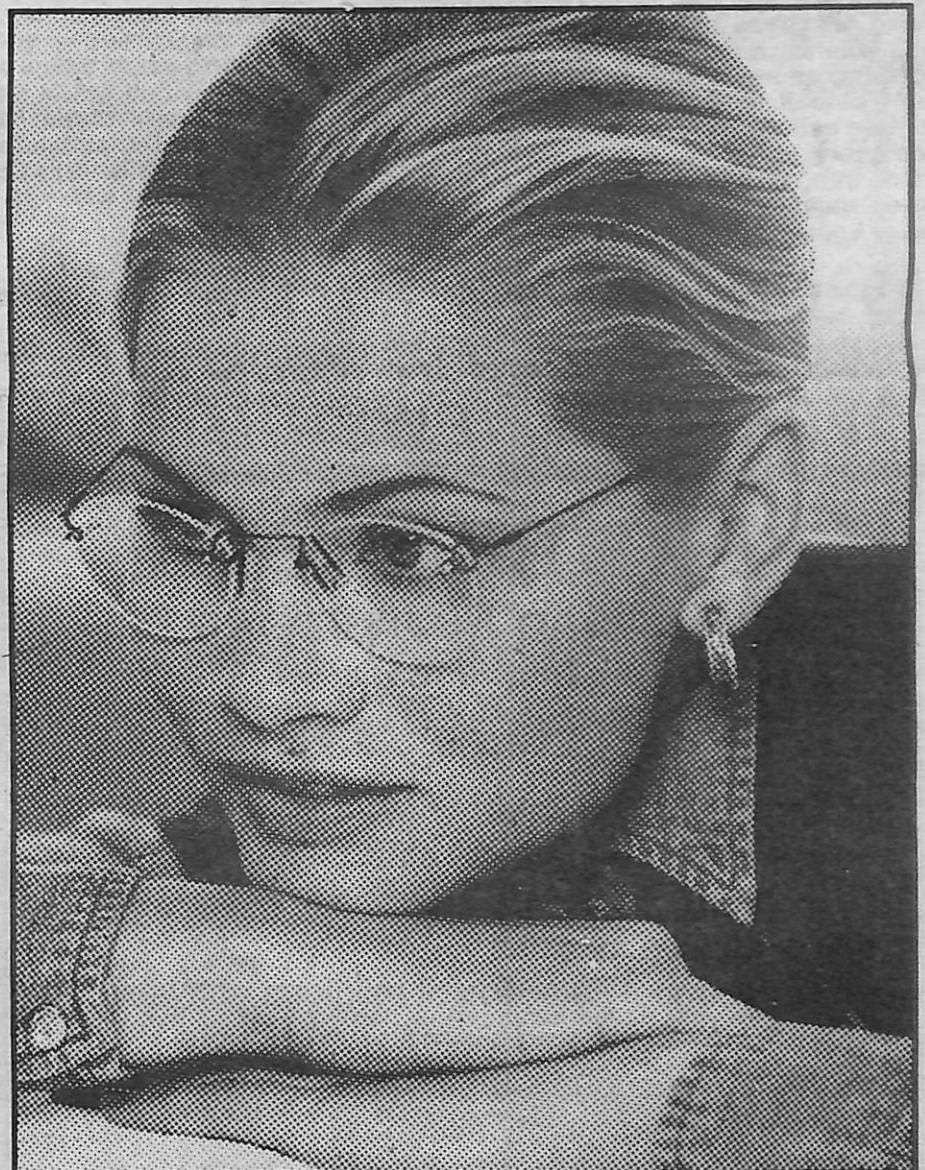
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## Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell  
Registered Dietician

### An Anorexic Tells Her Story As Experts Outline A Better Way To Control Her Weight

At age 22, weighing 68 pounds, Dara Zall checked herself into a Massachusetts hospital "just to make everyone happy."

The same desire had driven her to excel in athletics and, eventually, to starve herself as an anorexic. "You can see why it's called the 'perfect little girl' syndrome," Zall said.

After more than three years of treatment, "I'm stable, and I'm pretty happy where I am," said Zall, now 25 and a personal trainer, aerobics teacher, and competitive triathlete. "I eat what I want, although I am still a compulsive person and may exercise too much. That means when I'm nervous, I'll sometimes over-exercise to 'work off' whatever I've eaten."

"Dara is on the upswing," said Nancy Clark, RD, director of nutrition services at SportsMedicine Brookline, Brookline, MA, and the dietitian who has treated Zall for her eating disorder.

"She continues to struggle," Clark said, "but she is able to give a talk on her experiences as a recovering anorexic and an athlete. It's tremendously helpful to people working with patients who have eating disorders to hear what it's like to be an anorexic."

"One thing I really try to explain is how to work with an eating-disorder patient," Zall said. "You need to know what not to say. Telling an anorexic

to gain weight is the worst thing you can say. And telling us to 'be healthy' is bad, too, because 'healthy' means 'fat' to an anorexic."

Zall said she gives talks on her experiences in part because she wants to create awareness of the problem and help prevent others from suffering as she has. "People with eating disorders are getting younger and younger. You'll see it in eight or nine year-olds. The eating, or lack thereof, is a symptom of the problem, not the cause. It's how we deal with stress. It's like alcoholism, except that you need food to survive—we can't abstain from our drug of choice."

Anorexics' families need help, too, said Susan Luke, RD, of tREAT Well Nutrition Services, Charlotte, North Carolina. "When you work with individuals with eating disorders, you become very aware of how much their moms are hurting," Luke said, drawing on her 15 years of experience with such patients. "I speak on the mothers' behalf in saying it's important to identify their role in a child's eating disorder, as well as the role of both parents in the child's recovery." Many parents benefit from support groups, she added, offering instructions on how to start such a group.

Eating disorders often result from dieting gone awry, noted Karin Kratina, RD, clinical outreach coordinator at the Renfrew Center, Coconut Creek, Florida. "Give up dieting," Kratina recommends.

"When people give up dieting, they're giving up a lot. They're giving up the ideals of beauty and acceptance by others that, in many cases, have ruled their lives. It's the end of weight and food issues as a barometer of feelings."

Instead, Kratina explained, clients learn to recognize and respond to their internal cues of hunger and satiety, which dieting obscures. They learn to decide thoughtfully how much of which foods to eat—and then to stop. "It's the ultimate freedom from calories, fat grams, portion sizes, and clocks telling you when, where, and how much to eat," Kratina said.

Nancy Dell, MS, is the Media Representative for the Western Mass. Dietetic Association and a Registered Dietitian with a private practice in Feeding Hills. She can be reached at (413) 786-2957.



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A recent article in JMPT (Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics) reviewed the medical literature from 1966-1994 which evaluated the risk of serious injury or death resulting from cervical manipulation as an effective treatment for mechanical neck pain.

The literature also assessed the risks and effectiveness of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), which are often used as the "conventional" first-line treatment for similar musculoskeletal conditions.

The article concluded that both cervical manipulation and NSAID use are associated with a very minimal risk of serious complication or death.

The review found NSAID treatment for neck pain has a significantly greater risk of serious complications or death than the use of cervical manipulation, by as much as a factor of several hundred times. The risk of serious complications associated with NSAID use are due to GI ulcers and hemorrhage.

At this time, there is NO evidence that NSAID use is either more effective or safer than manipulation for neck pain. There has been much criticism in the media regarding spinal manipulation of the neck. These criticisms focus on the lack of definitive studies that clearly demonstrate the effectiveness of manipulation.

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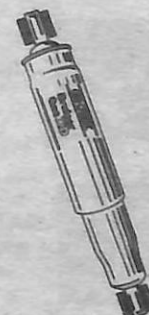
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Since Dr. Palmer's first rather primitive adjustment, the science of natural healing progressed rapidly. Today, x-rays aid your chiropractor in precisely locating the source of your problem.

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chiropractic to be the safest of the healing sciences. Even as you read this, researchers are discovering more ways your chiropractor can help people of all ages to live longer, fuller, and happier lives.

Today's doctors of chiropractic really earn their degree. All chiropractic colleges have a demanding curriculum. By the time they graduate, they've achieved a degree of competence in anatomy, physiology, bacteriology, toxicology, pathology, diagnosis, and x-ray. In fact, today's doctor of chiropractic has as many hours of government-approved classes in these health-related subjects as any doctor graduating from medical school.

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Chiropractic, which is just 100 years of age, has evolved to the point that many chiropractors work quite successfully with children. Many enjoy equal success with geriatrics.

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All told, millions of Americans from all walks of life are healing faster and living better, thanks to chiropractors and their amazing century of progress.

An appointment may be made by calling 789-1369.

**Better Breathers Plan Next Meeting**

On Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m., the Better Breather Support Group for people with C.O.P.D. (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) will meet at Baystate Medical Center in the Administration Building, first floor, Springfield Street entrance.

The topic will be social security, and the speaker will be Dan Moraski.

These meetings are free of charge and open to anyone who is affected by lung disease, including their families and friends.

For more information, call the American Lung Association at 737-3506 or Marie Lemoine at 784-4442.

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treatment and that it should not be considered dangerous. Even the most conservative "mainstream" treatment for neck pain, prescription of NSAIDS, carries a hundred-times greater chance of serious injury or death.

If you would like a copy of this article, please contact our office. If you are interested in learning more about chiropractic, Dr. Nelson offers a complimentary health care class which answers many questions you may have.

Our next scheduled class will be on Wednesday, November 15th at 7:00 p.m. at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Please call our office at 786-4820 to reserve a space. Dr. Nelson is available to answer questions on Monday and Wednesday from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the above number.

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The Department of Patient Education at Mercy Hospital will conduct the following health screenings during November:

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**Blood glucose screening** - November 17th, 10:00 a.m., Memorial House Auditorium; \$2 donation.

**Cholesterol screening** - November 30th, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Memorial House Auditorium; \$10 donation.

No advance registration is required; however, fasting (water is allowed) for 12 hours prior to testing is required. Blood pressure results will be available on site; all other results will be mailed to participants.

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## Arts

### Art Show Held By Ag. Community



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### Evening At Movies At Ag. Library On November 21st

The entire family is invited to the Agawam Public Library's Community Room on Tuesday, November 21st, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. for a big screen showing of the full-length animated feature film "The Goofy Movie."

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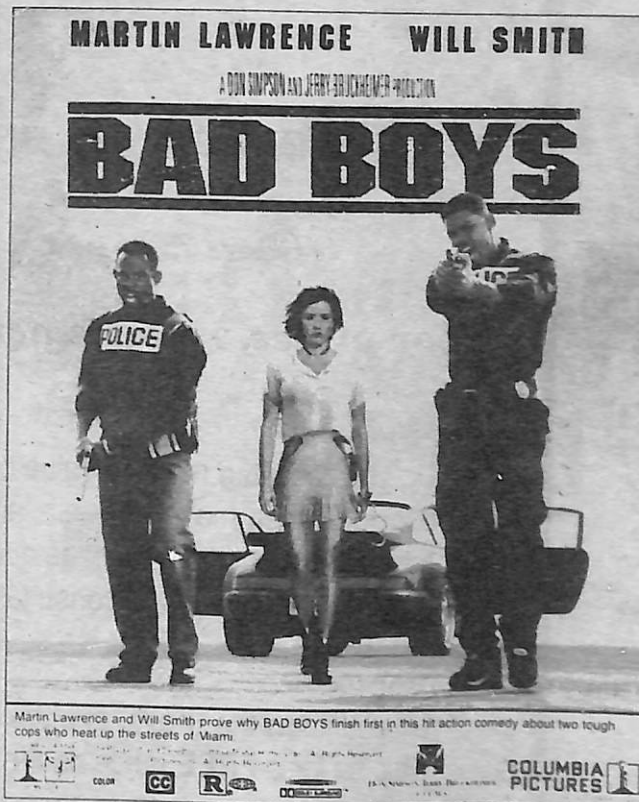
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## Applications Being Accepted For Kids To Be Creative

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This will be the fourth phase of STAGE's operation, which also includes a seven to 15 year-old Theatre Camp; a 16 to 19 year-old Teen Ensemble Theatre; and The Hilltop Family Theatre.

All of STAGE's programs and productions are presented at The Red Door Theatre, which is located on the grounds of The Valley Community Church, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

"Creative Dramatics" will run from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Saturdays from November 18th through December 16th. The fee for the whole session is \$50 per child, and application inquiries may be made by calling 789-2026.

## Westfield Theatre Has Auditions For Night Of 1-Act Plays

The Westfield Theatre Group, a department of the Westfield Woman's Club, is holding auditions for its fourth annual Evening of One-Acts, to be performed January 12 and 13, 1996.

Auditions for a children's one-act will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, November 15th and 16th, at 6:30 p.m. This will be for children ages nine to 16. Auditions for the adult shows will be held Monday and Tuesday, November 20th and 21st, at 7:00 p.m.

All auditions will be held at the Westfield Woman's Club, 28 Court St. There are numerous parts for all ages, and everyone is welcome to audition.

For further information, please call Shelley at 568-5328.

## StageWest Planning World Premiere Show: *The Magic Lantern: Classic Holiday Tales*

StageWest Producing Director Albert Ihde recently announced the theatre's plans to present the World Premiere production of **THE MAGIC LANTERN: CLASSIC HOLIDAY TALES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY.**

A compilation of several stories, **THE MAGIC LANTERN** brings the spirit of the holidays to the StageWest main stage with classic American works such as Thornton Wilder's *The Long Christmas Dinner*, O. Henry's *The Gift of the Magi*, and George Kelly's *Finder-Keepers*. The production will begin November 30th and continue throughout December, finishing with a matinee performance on Christmas Eve. Student matinees are scheduled for throughout the run of the show.

Magic lanterns were popular during the Victorian era as a means of entertaining large groups with projected images. As a precursor to silent movies, magic lantern shows drew audiences from about 1850 until just after the turn of the century. Illustrated stories highlighted social issues and were shown in church halls and community centers throughout Britain and America.

StageWest's **THE MAGIC LANTERN** is set in the attic of the Bayard family where three children discover a truly "magic" lantern projecting stories onto a wall. The stories come to life as the actors step right off the screen to begin enacting their tale. The Bayard children watch and eventually become participants in the holiday stories which unfold before them.

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The stories include *The Long Christmas Dinner* by Thornton Wilder, written in 1931. Following the Bayard family across the generations, this story journeys over a period of 90 years and 90

Christmas dinners. Wilder is best known for such classic American plays as *Our Town* and *The Skin of our Teeth*.

Next is *In Flower Alley*, a Dickens-like story of a poor mother who goes to work at a rich household at Christmas time in order to provide a happy holiday for her children. It is based on an actual Victorian slide show from around 1885.

The third story, *Finder-Keepers*, is an early one-act play by George Kelly, whose best known play is the comedy *Show-off*. *Finder-Keepers*, which premiered in 1916, tells the story of a well-to-do couple who have very different opinions about what should be done with a recently discovered purse containing a large sum of money.

William Sydney Porter (better known by the pseudonym O. Henry) wrote *The Gift of the Magi* around 1906. It was included in a collection of short stories titled *The Four Million*, which explored the main streets and back alleys of New York. *The Gift of the Magi* has become an American classic as a poignant story of love, sacrifice, and irony at Christmas time.

**THE MAGIC LANTERN** will feature a strong cast of professional actors as well as three roles to be played by local children. Open auditions will be held at StageWest for all children interested in tryout out for these roles. Dates for the auditions will be announced.

Tickets are on sale for **THE MAGIC LANTERN**. Ticket prices range from \$13.50 to \$30.50. To obtain discount information for student groups or for groups of 10 or more, phone (413) 781-4470. For additional ticket information, please contact the StageWest Box Office at (413) 781-2340.

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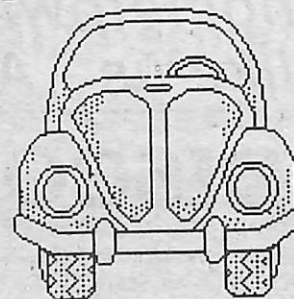
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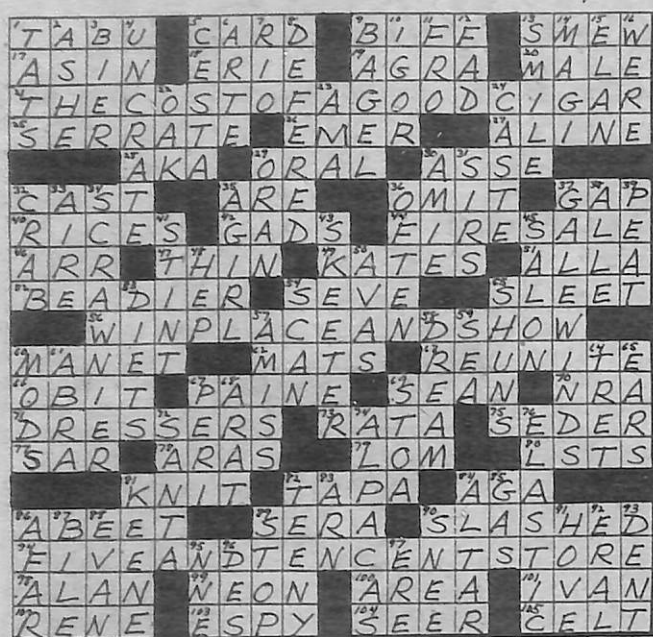
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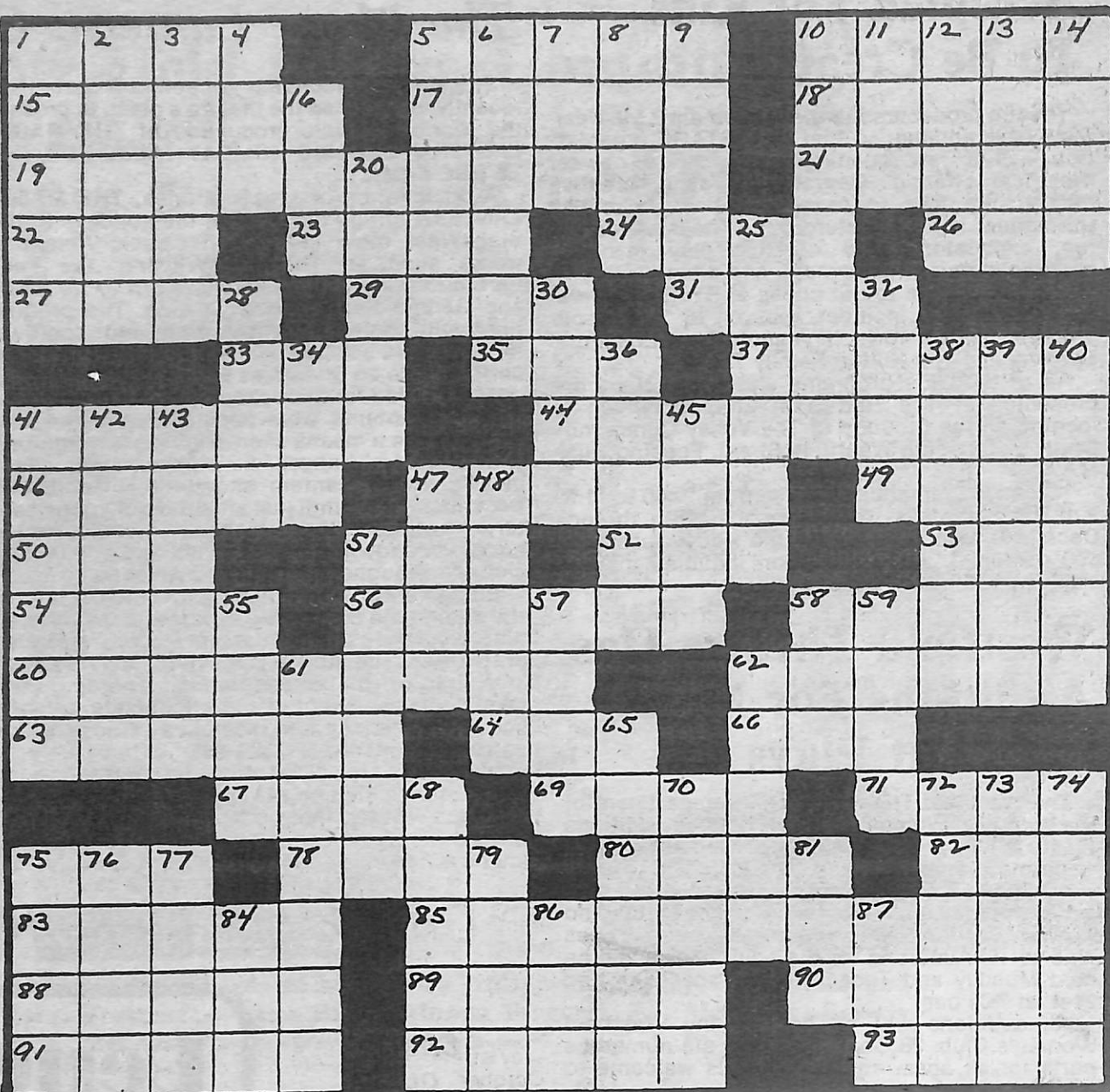
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## Education

# Agawam High Marching Mohawks Get 4-Star Ratings At State Finals

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Rainy weather couldn't dampen their spirits as the Agawam High School Marching Mohawks ended their competition season last week with a four star rating at the state finals in Framingham.

The water works didn't end with the rain as the band's directors, drum majors and captains, along with many seniors, struggled with the emotional wrench of taking the field for the last time as members of the Marching Mohawks.

Senior flag captain **Danielle LaBarre** and Senior Drum Major **Skippy Reed** remembered little about the actual performance, but the blur of tears and the joy of receiving excellent ratings after overcoming the difficulties of holding leadership positions in a time of transition under a new band director.

### "Hard Work And Spirit"

"We got our four stars with a combination of hard work and spirit," Danielle said. "This is a very emotional group and they bring that to the performance and give it their all."



**AGAWAM HIGH SENIOR DRUM MAJOR Jason Reid holds the awards received at the state finals with band Director Tammy Watson.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Basically, I cried all day," Skippy said. "But, it really hit me when I realized I was standing on the podium conducting this 70-member band thinking it was the last time we'd be doing it."

Completing her first competition season as the band director, Tamara Watson kept her emotions in check until it came time to thank retired band director Darcy Davis for his work in keeping the Mohawks marching and leading them to garner a first place trophy as the best high school band at Springfield's Columbus Day Parade, as well as achieving their highest rating this season at the state finals.

"It's been a dream come true working with Mr. Davis again," Miss Watson said. "I was devastated when he retired. I didn't think it was possible to work together again."

While she speaks with obvious pride of the band's and the colorguard's successes, Miss Watson candidly admits it has been a difficult fall as the students have had to adjust to new marching techniques and a new teaching style. And she has had to adjust to dealing with high school rather than junior high students.

"I felt great at the finals when the kids could see all the things we presented to them put our show on the cutting edge and our drum majors came very close to a gold medal," Miss Watson said. "I think the students were surprised because they had started off the year feeling very pessimistic."

Miss Watson credited her student band officers with helping turn things around, especially after they attended a leadership workshop at UMass in October.

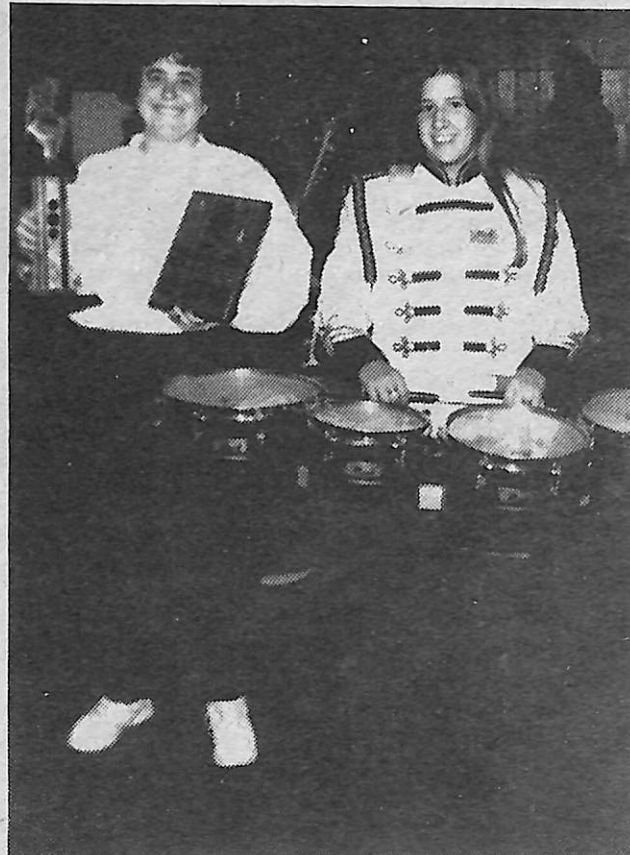
"The kids pulled this together," Miss Watson said. "It feels good to know I set some goals and we're obtaining those goals faster than I anticipated."

### Working Toward Improved Communication

Working toward a goal of improving communication between the Music Department and the rest of the school community (while promoting unity within the school), Miss Watson has invited the school's cheerleaders to march with the Mohawks in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and she has invited the Show Choir to join the band on their spring trip to New York City.

"Thanks to the cooperation of the Athletic Director (Kathleen McSweeney), we were able to use the athletic field for practice for the first time," Miss Watson said.

Looking back on his final competition season, Skippy said, "Everyone involved did the best they could and we have a lot to hold our heads high over. Especially at the finals. When they announce



**AHS BAND DIRECTOR Tammy Watson and drummer Jeanne O'Neil are proud of the 4-star rating the band received at the state finals in Framingham.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

ed our scores, that made it all worthwhile."

Skippy plans to attend college locally next fall and to major in communications.

"I want to stay local so I can come back and watch my band," Skippy said.

Hoping to major in wildlife management at Unity College next year, Danielle joked that she's already had four years of wildlife management as a colorguard captain.

Junior drum major **Sara Shepard** is looking forward to taking over the responsibilities of leading the band next year.

"I'm hoping I can take after Skippy and work with Miss Watson," Sara said. "I think we've learned a lot from Mr. Davis and Miss Watson and hopefully, we can carry it on."

## Annual Parent-Teacher Night At Jr. High Slated For November 20th

On Monday, November 20, 1995, the Agawam Junior High School will conduct its annual Parent/Teacher Conference Night from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. During the week of November 6th, teachers will mail home invitations for these eight-minute individual conferences.

Parents who receive invitations are asked to telephone the guidance office at 789-1400, ext. 482, either Wednesday, November 15th, or Thursday, November 16th, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in order to schedule a time for these conferences. Parents are advised to call promptly to reserve a time that is most convenient for them.

School principal Kevin C. Littlefield states that parents who do not receive an invitation but still wish to see an individual teacher should contact the guidance office on Friday, November 17th, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., as a limited

number of appointments have been made available for those parents.

He points out that any parent calling on Friday but not able to schedule an appointment for November 20th, will receive a call from the teacher in order to discuss their child's current academic standing.

Mr. Littlefield explains that the conference night format was developed by the staff as a means of eliminating overcrowded conditions and long waiting lines. Also, he believes that communication is more effective during these lengthier appointments.

Mr. Littlefield invites parents to keep in close contact with the school's guidance counselors and teachers in order to monitor their child's progress throughout the academic year.

## UMass Lowell Representative To Visit Agawam High School

UMass Lowell Admissions Officer Rayanne Drouin will be at Agawam High School at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, November 27th. Her visit will give interested students a chance to learn more about academic programs and opportunities, campus activities and student life, financial aid, and the admissions process. Printed information, application forms, and information on campus visits will be available.

There are two Agawam residents currently enrolled in undergraduate programs at UMass Lowell: Jason F. Daly, a junior majoring in music education, and Michael F. McKenna, a junior majoring in computer science.

"This is a great way for students to make an initial assessment of a school," says Assistant Director of Admissions Rich Conley. "In half an hour, he or she can get answer to basic questions, and find out if there are opportunities at UMass Lowell they need to investigate further."

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## Weekly Stories At Clark School Promote Reading & Drawing

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

There were no tricks, just treats as Clark School reading buddies gathered in the cafeteria to share stories and a snack on Halloween.

Since the beginning of school, Jane Robinson's afternoon kindergarten class has been teaming up with Janice Phillips' fourth graders for weekly sessions of reading and creating drawings to illustrate the stories.

For the fourth graders, it's a chance to be someone special to a younger person and to develop their skills in reading aloud. For the kindergarteners, the program enhances their appreciation for reading and helps instill in them an eagerness to learn to read, according to Mrs. Phillips.

"Both classes really look forward to this," Mrs. Phillips said.

Usually, the kindergarten children choose their books from a supply made available by their teacher, but the Halloween get-together took a spooky turn with the fourth graders writing and illustrating their own eerie stories to share with their little buddies.

Fourth grader **Pavlina Moysis** enjoyed everything about getting together with the younger children.

"It's fun and I like reading," Pavlina said. Her kindergarten buddies, Sara and Nicole, agreed it was fun to have an older student read to them especially since the stories were always good.

**Colleen Knight** found an appreciative audience for her tale "The Party Disaster" in kindergarten students Luke and Amanda, who said "the best part is when they read."

"It's really fun and I really like being with the kindergarteners," Colleen said. "It's fun discussing the stories and drawing with them, too."

Mrs. Robinson said the program benefits both classes by promoting a mutual respect between the two age groups.

"The kindergarten children look up to the older students and get to feel special with the one-to-one situation and they're learning to develop relationships," Mrs. Robinson said. "For the older students, they feel special because they're the important one. It's like a big brother/big sister thing happening and it promotes conversation."

Mrs. Robinson said the program was worthwhile because the older children get more experience in reading and the younger children get to hear one more story during the school day.

## Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, November 13th:** Oven-baked chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, seasoned diced carrots, bread & butter, pineapple tidbits, milk.

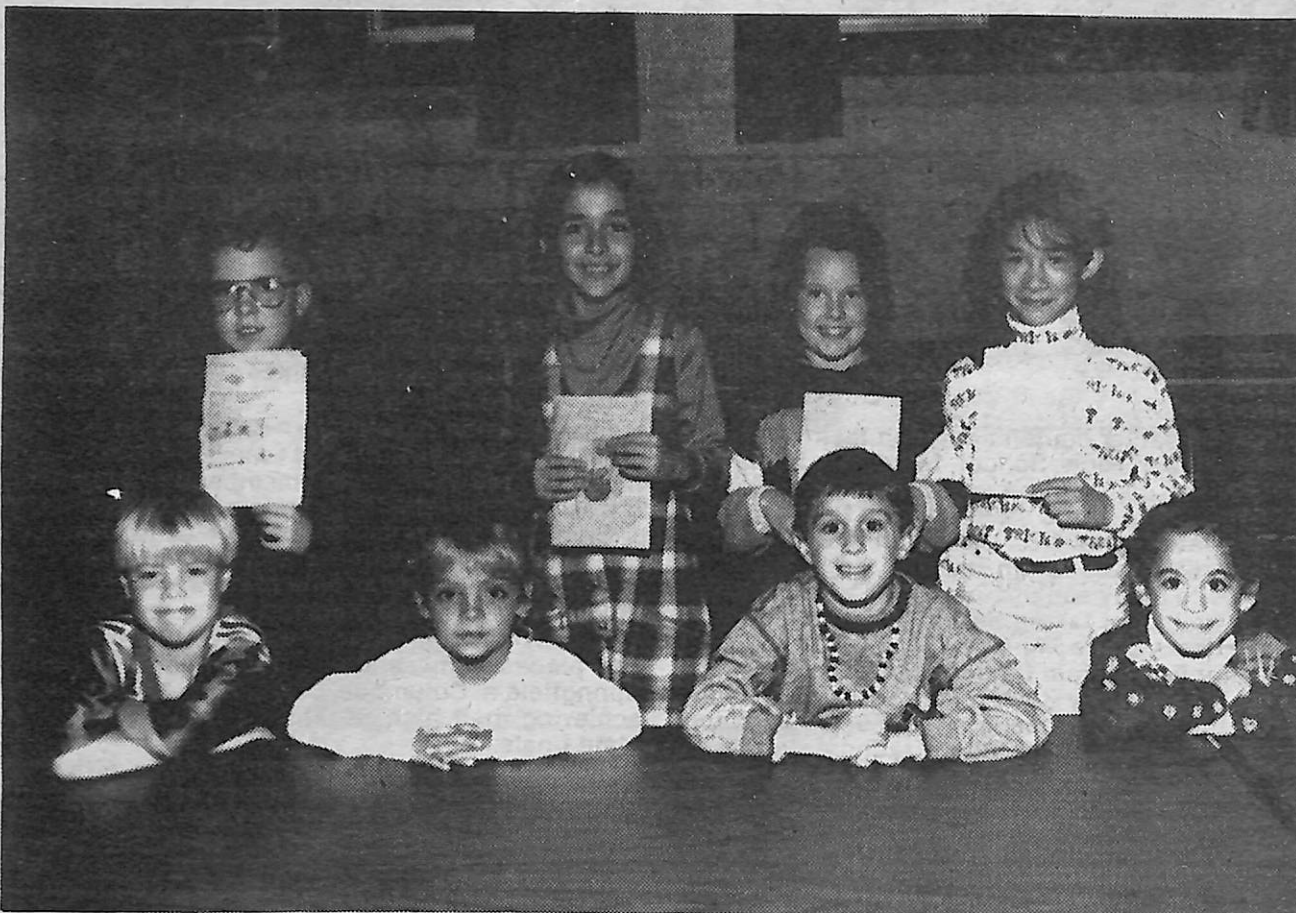
**Tuesday, November 14th:** Cheese ravioli with meat & tomato sauce, Italian bread & butter, seasoned green & waxed beans, peach macaroni, milk.

**Wednesday, November 15th:** Taco boat with cheese topping, tossed garden salad with spinach greens & Italian dressing, raspberry jello with topping or mixed fruit cup, milk.

**Thursday, November 16th:** Steamed frankfort in roll, Western-style baked beans, chuck wagon corn, baked Idaho potato, fresh Washington State apple, milk.

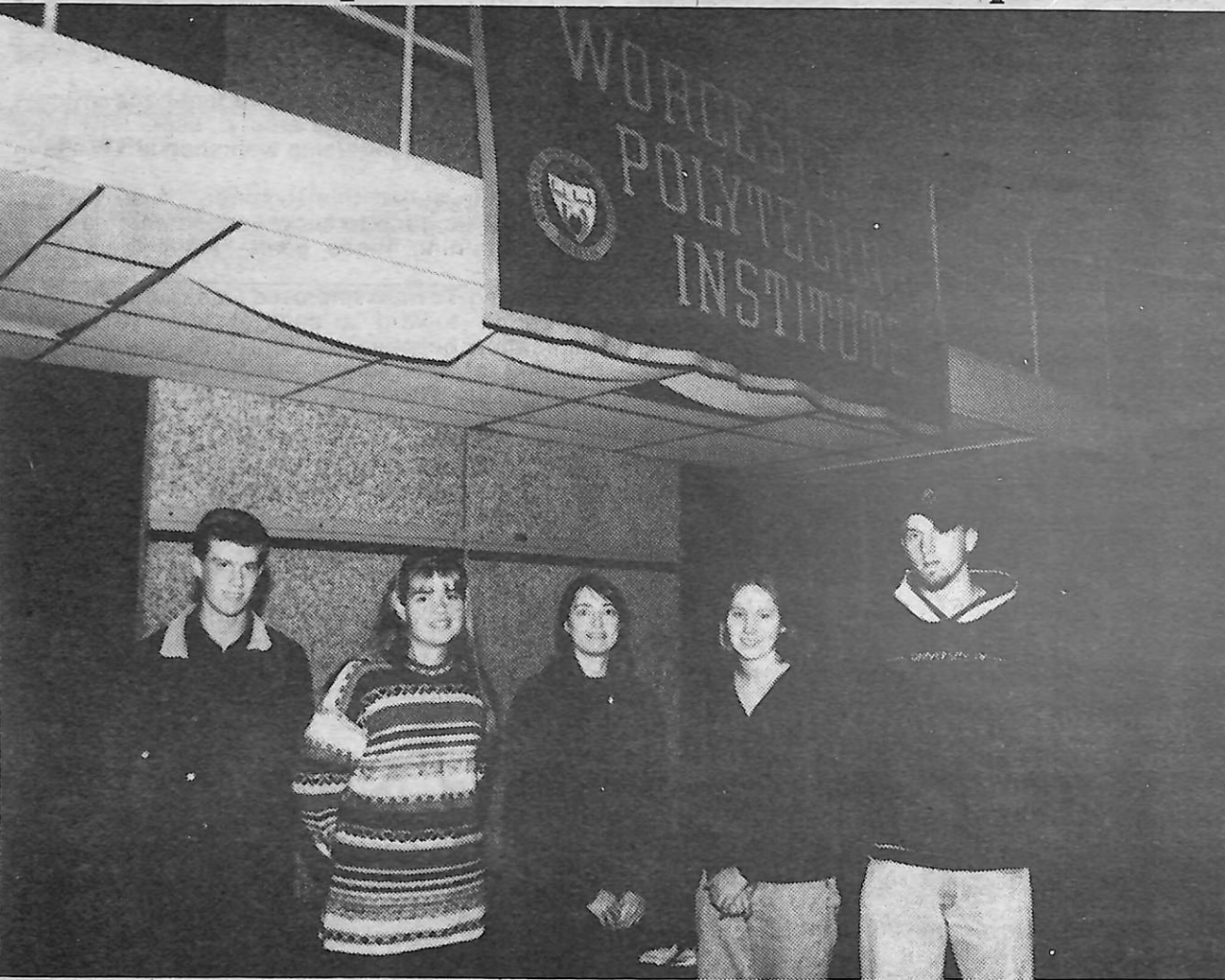
**Friday, November 17th:** Oven-baked sea nuggets, potato puffs, catsup & tartar sauce, wheat bread & butter, seasoned diced carrots, ice cream, milk.

\* **REMINDER:** Elementary lunch is \$1/per day or \$5/weekly.



**PARTICIPATING IN THE** program between fourth graders and kindergarten students at James Clark School included, back row - Kyle Henry, Pavlina Moysis, Erinn Gormley, and Colleen Knight. Front row - Jake Ferretti, Tiffany Torre, Joshua Blood, and Matina Geanopoulos. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## AHS Competes In WPI Math Competition



**WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE** recently hosted its Annual Invitational Mathematics Meet with 85 high school teams competing from a four-state area for more than \$100,000 in WPI scholarships. Competitors from Agawam High included, from left - Scott Litchfield, Kirsten Decoteau, advisor Lorraine F. Alves, Kelly Carmody, and Jason Degray.

## State Rep. Keenan Extends Invitation To Seminar Discussing Costs Of College

State Representative Daniel Keenan would like to extend an open invitation to all residents to attend a seminar on financing a higher education. The seminar will discuss various aspects of financial aid, and the process parents and students go through when applying.

The seminar will be held on Thursday, November 16th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. The seminar will focus on how to finance a college education.

Daniel T. Barkowitz, Director of Operations and Training at the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority, will help parents and students with the financial aid process. The seminar will teach parents how to fill out financial aid application forms, the process of filing the appropriate forms, how financial aid is calculated and awarded, how to compare financial aid award letters,

and making alternative financing decisions.

Mr. Barkowitz is also familiar with MEFA's MassPlan program, which was designed for middle-income families who do not receive sufficient financial aid from traditional sources and who need help financing college costs. Since 1983, more than 37,000 MassPlan loans totaling over \$300 million have been issued to families through participating colleges and universities.

There will also be a question and answer period at the end of the session. Parents and families are encouraged to bring their personal financial figures so they can work along with Mr. Barkowitz.

Admission is free, and further information or directions may be obtained by calling Rep. Keenan's office at (413) 786-4545. Any family interested in receiving an application for a low-cost college loan or more information can also contact MEFA at (617) 261-9760.



## Granger School Invites Parents To Assist With Special Project

Granger Elementary School is beginning a special learning adventure and invites its students' parents to take part.

For the students' enrichment, the Granger faculty is challenging them to help answer the question, "What does a million look like?" They will attempt to find the answer by collecting one-million canceled postage stamps.

Here's how you can help:

1) Send your child to school each Friday with a sealed envelope containing the neatly cut out canceled stamps your child has collected that week.

2) Envelopes will be collected by teachers every Friday.

3) Envelopes should have your child's full name, class (teacher's name), and total number of stamps contained in the envelope.

4) Envelopes must be sealed.

The goal of this project is to collect one-million stamps before the end of the school year.

This is a good opportunity for your child to have pen pals and write to relatives. They can encourage neighborhood friends and relatives to contribute canceled stamps to Granger School. Businesses and others are welcome to participate as well. There will be a central drop-off container for stamps near the school office.

All collected stamps will be housed at Granger, and weekly totals will be posted. Remember, all stamps must be neatly cut, and they can be acquired from all mail received—including bulk mail.

If there are any questions, please send a note to school with your child. The Granger teachers will answer you as soon as possible.

## Spfld. Armory To Host Prog. On West Point

Springfield Armory manufactured arms of the highest quality for our soldiers. The U.S. Military Academy at West Point strengthened our soldiers by "Providing the nation with leaders of character who serve the common defense."

Join us Saturday, November 11th at 2:00 p.m. at the Springfield Armory NHS museum. Our guest speaker is Lieutenant Colonel Steven C. Gravin, Executive Officer of the West Point History Department. By guiding us through a brief history of West Point, one will learn about many celebrated graduates. Among the distinguished veterans are Generals Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant, Douglas MacArthur, and George S. Patton, Jr., as well as Dwight D. Eisenhower and William C. Westmoreland. (No fee.)

Special museum exhibits include "Soldiers of Production," Springfield Armory and the Vietnam Era, and "Buffalo Soldiers." Springfield Armory is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There is no admission charge.

"Vets 95" is "three days of gala events honoring our veterans" from Friday, November 10th through Sunday, November 12th. Events range from a Veterans Day Parade to a Veterans Ball On The Mall. Participating Springfield groups include the Civic Center, Symphony Hall, and Stage West.

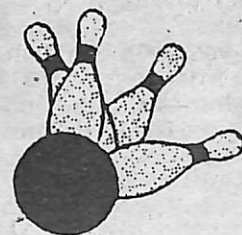
## Tiger Cub Pack 75 Tours Bradley Airport



TIGER CUBS FROM PACK 75 received a tour of Bradley International Airport and American Airlines on October 26th. Pictured are Brian and Nancy Foley, Kurt & Karen Ripke, Chris and Sue Alvanos, Jimmy and Debbie Ricco, and Zach, Andy, and Susan Dawson.

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## Sports

# Brownie Soccer Absorb 4-1 Loss In Opening Round

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The last time Agawam High and Amherst High boys' soccer teams met, Brownie Coach Dwight Northrup observed that both teams were "evenly matched." That was back on October 18th.

In that game, the Hurricanes started out fast, scoring with just 45 seconds gone off the clock. The Brownies, at the time, on a three game unbeaten string and driving for a tournament berth, came back to win it, 2-1 at Harmon Smith Field.

That Brownie victory, plus some others down the stretch, enabled them to make the playoffs as the 8th seed. That loss, in the end, made Amherst the tournament's 9th seed. It also set up a second meeting between the two—a preliminary battle in the Western Mass. Tournament.

This one was also played at Harmon Smith Field last Saturday evening. This one also started off with a quick Amherst goal as Nate Adams beat the pants off every Brownie defender and stuck it in on a 30-foot blast on the right wing with only 35 seconds gone off the clock. In this one, Agawam would not come back. They lost, 4-1.

### Strange Game

It was a strange game for a good part of the first half. After that score, Agawam took the ball into the Hurricane zone and kept it there or at midfield, for almost seven minutes. The usual Agawam standouts, Chris Chechile, Jeff Rousseau, Mike Domaingue, Chris Bitzas, were doing what they do best - applying pressure to the opposition's net.

Then, in another Agawam defensive lapse, Adams broke away on the left wing. He went from his zone to a point 50-feet out on the left of the Agawam net in about 10 seconds. It was a combination of hustle and good passing. The result was a 50-foot goal that beat Brownie keeper Jeff Gaylor to the far side.

It was obvious this Amherst team wasn't the same one the Brownies had encountered a few weeks earlier. These guys were out for a measure of revenge.

Agawam has a bunch of game guys, too. They will not be intimidated by anyone. They worked the ball back into the Hurricane zone and got their first shot on goal at the 25:58 mark. Amherst, who had been finding seams in the Brownie defense up to that point, got a little of its own medicine at the 23:36 mark.

Their rush into the Agawam zone was broken up at midfield. The Brownies, working in fast motion, caught the Amherst 'D' flat footed. While the Hurricanes were walking on their heels, Mike Domaingue took a feed from Chechile and stuck one in at the 23:09 mark. It was now 2-1, Amherst.

Chechile was juiced. And he showed it less than two minutes later at the 21:29 mark. He rushed the Amherst net to grab a loose ball that had goal written all over it. The Hurricane keeper also read it that way. He raced 50-feet out of his net to just kick the ball out of harm's way. A second of hesitation on his part and Chechile has a goal.

The Agawam defense was beginning to tighten up, as Todd Godfrey and Steve Rovithis took control of the midfield area. But the Brownie defenders might have been getting a little too aggressive. Now and then, they'd all be deep in the Amherst zone, leaving their rear and flanks vulnerable. Later on, the Hurricanes would take advantage of that aggressiveness.

The second 40 minutes would see Amherst bring it right to Agawam. The Brownies seemed a beat too late, though they were playing at their usual frenetic pace.

Amherst caught the Brownies way upfield with almost four minutes gone. They outran them to the Agawam goal. Adams rammed home the third Amherst goal and his third of the game at the 36:05 mark.

At 32:20, Agawam had a direct kick. It was no good.

### Locals Still Hustling

Agawam was still hustling, though, racing into the Hurricane zone, looking for scoring opportunities. But the Hurricanes, up 3-1, were taking chances. They scored again at 30:57. That seemed to kick the skids from underneath the Brownies. There were just too many points to make up, especially against the fired up Amherst 'D.'

"They just came right out and put us in a hole," Northrup admitted. "We played hard. But they were up for this one. They capitalized on our mistakes. On the day, they were just better than we were."



CLASS OF 1996 members of the Agawam High boys' varsity soccer team, from left - Jim Baldyga, Jamy Pliska, Oliver Schoendube, Jamie Scherban, Eric Johnson, Tim Conklin, Chris Chechile, Marcos Damas, Mike Domaingue, Dave McCarthy, Jeff Rousseau, and Jeff Gaylor. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH VARSITY FOOTBALL COACH DEAN VECCHIARELLI (center) is flanked by captain Jeff Harlin (left) and Dom Pisano, as well as a few other players after practice the other day. The locals have lots more to smile about these days after taking two straight wins.

# Pisano's 5 TD's Carry AHS To Easy Romp Over Comp

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Don't let Agawam's 34-21 win over Chicopee Comp last Friday night at damp and cool Harmon Smith Field fool you. It wasn't that close. In reality, it was a blowout.

Comp, no matter how game it might have been, was smaller and slower than the Brownies. The scouting report said they were vulnerable to the run. Most of that running was done by Dom Pisano, who lugged the leather 22 times for 168 yards and five touchdowns in only three quarters of action, thus bringing his season yardage output to 748, and his TD total to 13.

Agawam goes to 3-5 and 2-3 in the AA Conference. Comp is 2-5, 2-3 in the AA.

The Brownies will next play at Minnechaug. They beat the Falcons last year, 25-6 at Harmon Smith Field.

This second win in a row had the wet, then shivering Brownie faithful smiling like Cheshire cats.

Here's what warmed their hearts on this cold

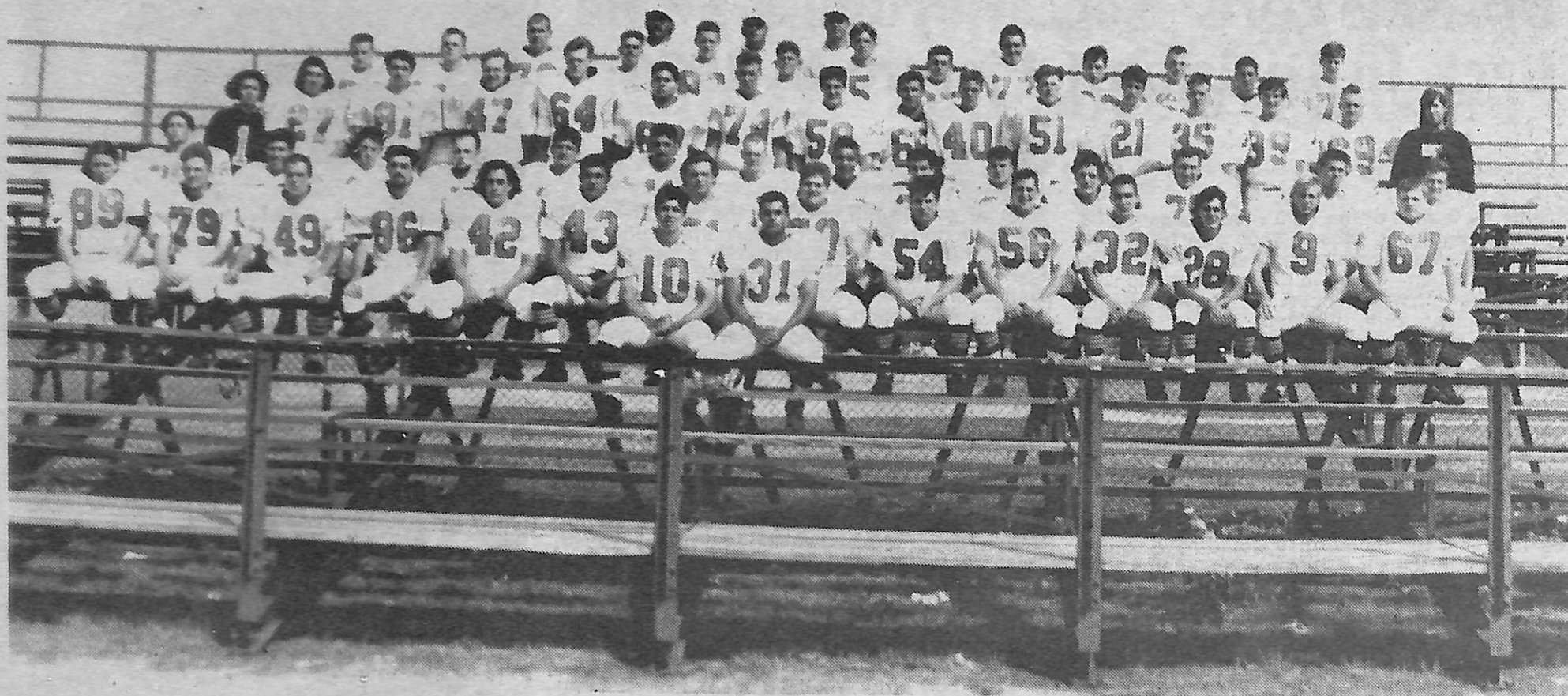
early November evening at Harmon Smith Field. Pisano, operating out of the "I," heated things up from the get-go with a nice 25-yard jaunt on the first Brownie play from scrimmage. However, a fumble stalled the Agawam offensive thrust at its own 40.

The Comp fumble recovery was quickly negated as the Colts coughed the ball up three plays after their good fortune. Agawam linebacker Andrew Ingham, back from a bad calf bruise, pounded on the ball.

Agawam was in business at their own 48. And they went to work, courtesy of two fine offensive plays. Pisano picked up 14 on two carries. Sophomore fullback George Graves picked up four and an injury. The Brownies fumbled and recovered it. QB Jeff Harlin dropped and found big tight end Brian Mendard in the right flat.

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**MEMBERS OF THE 1995 Agawam High football team are moving towards a .500 season if they can beat Minnechaug and West Springfield in the last two games.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

#### AHS FOOTBALL - from Page 54...

##### Locals Score First

Menard cradled it in and took off, breaking tackles as he toured the right sideline. He seemed to be stopped at the Colt 20, but a great second effort saw him end up at the 13 yard line. Pisano was up next. He took the handoff and rambled around left end for the 13-yard score with 6:02 remaining in the quarter. The six-play, 52-yard march took 1:56. After a Phil McGeoghan to B.J. Cortis two-pointer, Agawam was up, 8-0.

Comp could do nothing on its next possession. Ditto Agawam.

The first quarter ended with the Brownies up 8-0. It was pretty obvious in those first 12 minutes that the Brownie line, averaging 220 pounds a man, could move out the Colt defensive line at will.

Comp, however, would experience a bit of offensive good fortune, compliments of an Agawam defensive miscalculation, on its second series of the second quarter. A Brownie punt saw the Colts on the Agawam 48.

On second and seven, Quarterback Brian Blanchette hit David Mancini on the right flat at the Brownie 40. There was no one within five yards of him. He took off for the end zone like a winning lottery ticket was waiting for him there. He had a good 10-yard head start on the Agawam defenders.

McGeoghan, who has great speed, took after Mancini like he owed him money and hauled the galloping Colt down at the five yard line.

Three fine defensive plays by the Brownies saw Comp staring at fourth and goal at the one. Bill Pagel took a pitch from Blanchette and went wide left for the score at the 6:17 mark. The extra point made it 8-7, Agawam.

##### Brownies Begin Downfield March

The Brownies took the ensuing kickoff on their own 38 and began marching downfield. In that drive, Dom had a nice 32 yard gain negated by a holding penalty. Nevertheless, the Brownies wouldn't let momentary bad fortune deter them from their destination. The ball was spotted at the Comp 40 - the point of the infraction. Pisano gained 20 on two carries. Harlin snared 10 more.

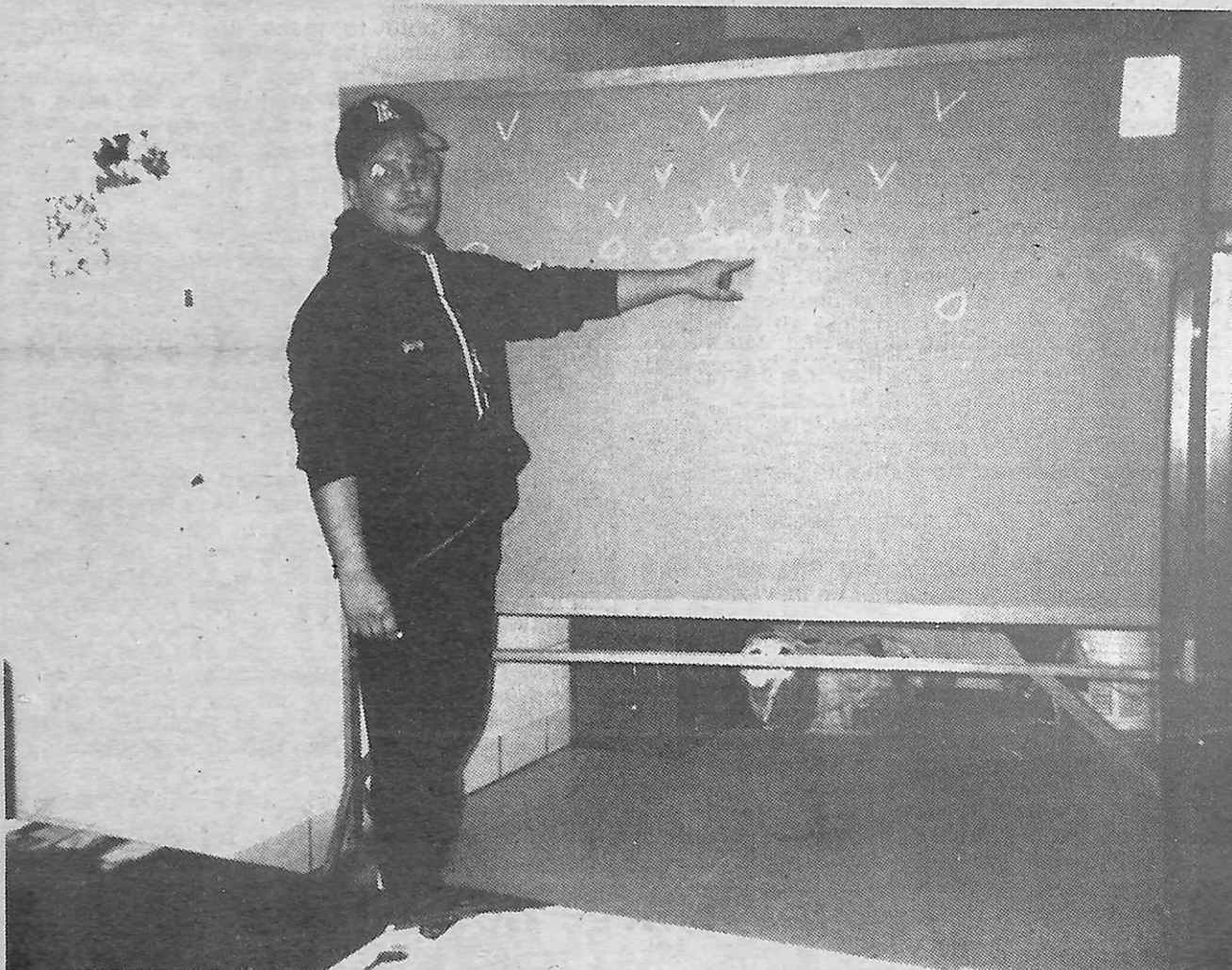
Pisano got the call and was headed for the Promised Land, when a huge hit by Comp's Lou Shelton interrupted the pilgrimage and caused the ball to pop loose at the five yard line.

On the next play, however, Blanchette threw the ball into double coverage at his 20. It was tipped to McGeoghan, who ran it back to the Colt one-yard line.

Pisano took it over for the easy TD on Agawam's next play. After the one point conversion, the home folks led 15-7 with 3:28 to go in the half.

Comp was now experiencing some fierce Agawam defense. Day, Parker, and Ingham led the charge.

Another Colt punt saw the Brownies camped on the Comp 46 with 2:21 left. Harlin (3-9, 56 yards) hit Menard (3 catches/56 yards) for their second hookup of the game. A Comp pass interference penalty brought the ball to the 20. An 11-yard pass from Harlin to Menard and a six-yard run by Pisano marked it at the three-yard line. Fifty-one ticks remained on the clock when Pisano busted one up the gut from there for his third TD of the game. The half ended, 21-7 Brownies.



**AHS ASSISTANT VARSITY FOOTBALL Coach Eric Geiger (and former Brownie football star - 1979) shows one of the running plays that sent the Chicopee Comp Colts into a tailspin last Friday night.**

Neither team could do anything with their first possessions of the second half. But the frozen faithful had a notion that the impasse wouldn't last.

Agawam took the Comp punt at the Colt 49. It now became the Pisano-Harlin overland express show. Pisano got four on two attempts. Jeff (5-42 yards) chipped in with 11 more. Pisano picked up 19 to the 10. A penalty brought the ball back to the 15-yard line. Harlin got the five back on the keeper. Pisano rumbled the final 10 for his fourth score of the evening. The extra point made it 28-7 with 6:18 left in the third.

The Colts' next series was just a continuation of a bad dream. Another Agawam defender had begun to dine on the sagging Colts—B.J. Cortis. He was forcing bad plays and running down the comp backs.

##### Pressure From The Brownies

Pressure like that made for some nervous ground excursions. Mike Chmura fumbled a pitch to the right side when Cortis and the other Agawam head hunters had him dead on in their sights on a first and 10 at his own 39. Ingham covered it for his second fumble recovery of the game. Agawam took over at the Comp 35. There was still 5:24 left in the third quarter.

Agawam marched to the Colt 19. Part of the drive included a nice 16-yard run by senior fullback Greg Wegrzyn. He was helped by solid blocking off the left guard slot, provided by junior Carlo Bonavita. Dom got his fifth TD from the 19 with 4:05 left in the third. The score to that point stood at 34-7, Agawam.

Coach Dean Vecchiarelli, whose club could have easily racked up 50 points or more, pulled most of his starters at the 2:49 mark of the quarter. This is a great credit to Vec. We all know that there are coaches at every level of the game who would leave the big guns in and run it right up to the hilt. And this has been a frustrating season. Perhaps no one would have blamed him. But Vec is not that type of guy.

Comp managed two more scores. They did it against the Brownie reserves, who were in for the experience and, for some, a look from the coaches for a shot at a job next season.

We might mention that junior running back Kevin Perreault did impress. He's only 5'5" and 150 pounds. But he runs with a slashing style that enabled him to pick up 57 yards on seven carries as the game wound down.



# Brownie Girls' Soccer Promise To Be Back In Division I Picture In 1996

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

After six games of the 1995 soccer season, the Agawam High girls' record stood at 4-1-1. It certainly seemed that new head Coach Mary Murray had the program headed in the right direction.

Then, starting with the East Longmeadow game on September 26th, the roof fell in on the Brownies. They lost five straight games. And suddenly, dark clouds began to build on what had been a bright horizon. Their chances for a coveted spot in the Western Massachusetts Tournament were in serious jeopardy.

Two straight wins at the beginning of October, bagel jobs at Comp (3-0), and at home against Holyoke (5-0), seemed to offer a renewed ray of hope for post-season glory.

But the playoffs were a longshot at best. To get the 18 points to qualify, they would have to get four points in their last four games, against the steel of the Coombs Division - West Side, Cathedral, Longmeadow, and Ludlow. Each one was playoff bound.

Tall orders are, many times, hard to fill. Murray is an excellent coach, not a miracle worker. They lost three more before ending the year with an exciting and uplifting 2-1 victory over Ludlow. The Brownies' final record stood at 7-9-1. They were the only team in the tough Coombs Division to be shut out of the tournament.

Murray is not one used to losing. But her team was up against it from the start this year. Star midfielder Eric Schlaffer headed down the road to Suffield Academy. Allison Reseigne, a fine defender, went down for the season with a knee injury. Sue DeFilipi had a back back.

And, what many people didn't know - senior co-captain Courtney Hyland's legs, after a grueling year as the catcher on Agawam's Western Mass. Championship girls' softball team, were hurting, big time.

## Not Quite The Expected

To say this was not the year the coach expected would be an understatement. "No, but it's no one's fault," she sighed. "We played as hard as we could. We just had a hard time all year long putting a set lineup on the field."

Just when she thought she had one, promising sophomore midfielder Amy Mastroianni went down in midseason with a bad ankle sprain. Amy fought back from that injury and went down again with another sprain as the team was getting ready for the stretch run.

Then, to top it all off, starting keeper Melissa Troie took a hard knee to the head in the October 17th 3-2 loss to West Springfield. She was done for the season. Murray shook her head. "See what I mean?"

The Brownie soccer fans are knowledgeable and demanding. The coach also found them mostly fair to her, despite the losing season. "Some spectators will get a little vocal sometimes. But I always tell my players to focus on the field and what's happening there. I do the same thing."

Some people did question the way she filled two open home dates on the schedule. She landed Central Mass. power Sutton for a game in late September and Northern Division champion Wahconah for early October. Sutton beat them 4-2. The Wahconah game was rained out. Many observers thought she should have lined up a couple tomato cans. "That's not the way I do things. I want the best competition available out there. I think my team deserves it."

She admitted that she did get frustrated this year. "I think all of us, players and coaches included, were frustrated at the situation we were in: we were hurting and we didn't really have the depth to overcome that problem."

She was also frustrated on occasion by the team's failure to play two solid halves of soccer. As she noted after the 3-0 win over Comp on October 10th, "If soccer games were 40 minutes long instead of 80, we'd be unbeaten right now."

The coach has one special memory of the season just completed. "The win over Ludlow," she answered quickly. "We played extremely well. And it left us with something positive to take into the off-season. We can build on that."

## Always A Learning Experience

There is nothing about the season she chooses to forget. "It's always a learning experience in athletics. If I have any regrets, one would be not making the tournament. The other would be not playing Wahconah. They are very good. But we just weren't able to make up that rainout." Wahconah finished the year 11-0-5.

The coach feels the Coombs Division is the most competitive in Western Massachusetts, if not the state. Four of the five teams in the Division made the tournament. Agawam was, of course, the odd team out.

"We started a lot of juniors and sophomores this year," Coach Murray noted. She singled out some players who should form a strong nucleus for next season's club. "Aimee Loudfoot impressed me, as did Jill DeMarco and Amber Conte, along with Amy Mastroianni. They're all sophomores who'll be coming back with a great deal of experience. Carrie Janik and Danielle DiStefano will be seniors and, hopefully, leaders for us."

Then there's marquee forward Kristen Patterson, who'll only be a junior. As a sophomore, Kristen scored more points by herself (25—16 goals and 9 assists) than many area teams totaled for their season records. She was the top point-getter in the Coombs Division and was tied for fifth in Western Mass. in goals scored.

Murray's outlook for '96 reads like this. "We'll finish better than this year, for sure. We'll win more than 50 percent of our games. And we'll make the tournament, if we can avoid all the injuries and other things we had to deal with this season."



**BROWNIE GIRLS' SOCCER COACH** Mary Murray and co-captains Alison Reseigne (left) and Courtne Hyland pictured in a picture taken last September before the season started. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**ALISON RESEIGNE (left) and SUE DEFILIPPI** were two of the injured Agawam High girls' soccer stars this year.

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## Sportsmen's Corner

—By Bill Chiba—

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### Animal Rights Hypocrisy

Mike Roberts, Outdoor Writer for the "Record Journal" in Meriden, CT, has exposed the collective hypocrisy of the animal right movement.

A reader, Ron Wulff, called on Mike for advice on how to fund his fledgling wildlife rehab program. His specialty was reptiles—pythons, iguanas, etc. Mike suggested that he contact several animal rights groups as potential donors.

You guessed it. Of the many Wulff contacted, not one of the outfits would help. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) was the only one to provide a written response, saying, "... we do not believe in captivity of reptiles who must be fed animals ... it perpetuates a bad situation. We ... favor humane euthanasia (killing) of the animals ..."

"What the heck do they do with all the money they get?" Wulff wonders. Indeed!

#### A Rise In Deaths From Rabies

Six people in the United States died from rabies last year. This is a dramatic increase over previous years when deaths ranged from zero to three per year.

According to the publication "Rabies Monitor," "... This dramatic rise in human deaths mirrors a steady increase of the disease in domestic and wild animal populations ..."

Rabid bats in Alabama, rabid kittens in a New Hampshire pet store, a rabid horse in Georgia, rabid coyotes in Texas, a rabid cow in Massachusetts, and rabid raccoons all along the East Coast made the news in 1994.

A depressed fur market, coupled with the looming European fur import ban, does not bode well for a decline in rabies. Furbearer management programs, which include trapping, are a proven method of reducing the incidence of rabies. The idea is to reduce contact between individuals by keeping furbearer populations at manageable levels.

Rabies experts say it is risky to become complacent about the disease. Rabies may be present in raccoons, skunks, coyotes, bats, and other animals which live in suburban as well as rural areas.

In today's checkerboard land ownership patterns, domestic animals often interact with wildlife, thereby increasing the chance that the disease will be transmitted to humans.

#### PETA On Fishing

PETA, the most radical animal rights group in this country, is the main pusher on taking over the department of Fisheries and Wildlife in Massachusetts.

They have placed a petition to go on the ballot for 1996 under the guise of banning the padded leghold trap, and increasing the seven-man board of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife to include the anti-fishing and hunting community. If this happens, we can kiss good-bye to hunting and fishing in Massachusetts.

PETA just produced a "fact" sheet on fishing. Here's some of it.

"The Pain Reality—sport-fishing generally refers to fishing with a rod and reel, but may include the use of bows and arrows, small nets, spears, or guns. This bloodsport survives partly because of the misconception that fishes (sic) don't feel pain ... pain is a biological necessity that is well-developed in fishes as in mammals. Moreover, fishes have been known to go out of their way, and even risk their own lives, to aid others in trouble.

"The many species of bait also suffer. In addition to worms, liver, clams, pieces of other fish, and live eels are commonly used as bait, and chickens' necks and bull lips (!) are becoming increasingly popular ..."

Bull lips, indeed! Well, bull something. The trouble with rogue outfits like PETA and others is that it is impossible to predict when they may attack fishing or bull lip producers or whatever whimsy of the moment strikes them.

The bow season started Monday, November 6th, in Massachusetts.

If you are looking for a good butcher to cut up your deer, call John in Granville for an appointment (telephone 357-6680).

#### Shoot! Shoot!

The leader of an animal rights group accompanied her husband on an African safari. As they stalked the tall grass, a lion suddenly pounced on the woman and began dragging her off.

The woman screamed, "Shoot! Shoot!"

"I can't!" he shouted.

"Why not?" came the hysterical response.

"I'm out of film!" he said.

# Agawam Rowdies End Long Run Of Top Soccer Finishes

The Agawam "Rowdies," an U-14 Pioneer Valley girls' soccer team coached by Denny Marr and assisted by Lynn Modzelesky and Jim White, finished their fall season in first place. This is their last fall season together, as most girls will be attending high school next year.

What a great way to end the season! At the Pioneer Valley Post Season Tournament (held at Gateway Regional High School last weekend), the girls took the runner-up trophy after losing to Wilbraham in sudden death shoot-outs.

Both teams played well and scored one goal each, only to end up playing two five-minute, sudden death overtimes and ending with the sudden death shoot-outs. Both teams were even up to the last player going through 10 girls each, with Agawam losing on the last ball.

This has been an outstanding year for the girls. Not only did they place first in the fall season, but

they also placed first last spring. They won two tournaments—the Holliston Memorial Day competition and the Riverside Classic—and were runner-ups in the West Springfield International Cup and North Branch Columbus Day Tournament.

They even made it to the State Games at Ft. Devens in Ayer, MA, and reached the semi-finals, finishing in third place and coming home with a bronze medal.

Congratulations, girls, and good luck next year (wherever you play!).

The team players are Elise Alfano, Sheri Benton, Dianna DiStefano, Jill Gendron, Pamela Gervais, Jennifer Lock, Gina Loudfoot, Jennifer Marr, Kerry McGeoghan, Jennifer Modzelesky, Samantha Mozdzanowski, Shawna Suffriti, Katherine Shannon, Amanda Tilden, and Kaitlyn White.

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## Brownie Football Has Tough But Winnable Battle Coming Saturday Vs. Minnechaug

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High School football team will experience something a little different this coming weekend. For the first time this season, they will play a game during the day. The opponent will be Minnechaug. The contest will be at their place Saturday at 1:30 in the afternoon. And the locals are coming off two straight wins.

Agawam is currently 3-5 and 2-3 in the AA Conference. This is probably the second biggest game of the year. A win means they go into the Thanksgiving Day classic against West Side with a chance to have a five hundred season.

"They are a big team, bigger than us on both offense and defense," Brownie head scout Michael Birk notes. He has a point about the Falcons, who are 4-4 and 3-2 in the AA Conference. Their starting tackles, Ryan Scott and Peter Maloney, are 250 and 240 pounds, respectively. They play both offense and defense. Their offensive line averages 235 pounds a man.

Last year at Harmon Smith Field, the Brownies handled Minnechaug to the tune of 25-6. Those were heady times. Agawam was 5-1 in AA play and driving for a share of the conference title. "It isn't like that this year," Birk noted. "They are a much better team."

He stressed that the Falcons run their offense out of the wishbone. Many people who follow football think that the wishbone means you have some deficiencies on offense, so you try to compensate with that type of set. Birk disagrees.

"I saw them against Westfield and Cathedral. They run it very well. They have a quarterback, Adam Ketschek, at the controls. He's smart and can read and react to the defensive motion as well as anyone I've ever seen. He knows when they can run and when he can pass out of that set."

Birk singled out Ketschek's pitch man in the "Bone," Charlie Luvera. "He's fast. He can go the

distance from anywhere on the field." Then he added, "They really don't pass well. But the double tight end set they use with the wishbone gives them the capability to throw if they have to put it up."

"If our defense doesn't go right at them, they will throw. But it will be to their backs and those tight ends on short patterns. They can't go deep."

### "In Your Face" Football

"They play a 5-2 defense, with three down linemen and two defensive ends. They are 'in your face' on that side of the ball. If you start to have success running on them, they'll switch to a 6-2 formation. We are a running team. But (Brownie QB) Jeff [Harlin] can pass. If they go to the 6-2, we will do just that. We have two outstanding receivers in flanker [Phil] McGeoghan and tight end [Brian] Menard. We want to get the ball to Brian as much as we can in this one," noted Birk.

One problem the Brownies have is the fact that they don't see the wishbone very much, if at all. And the offense doesn't run that formation in practice. So, in essence, they don't practice against it. "We've had some trouble dealing with that type of formation in the past. But we won't change our defense for this game," Birk said.

"They key for us in this game, like any other, will be tackling and the elimination of mistakes." Then the coach added, "We've won two straight. We have a positive attitude. We think we can finish at five hundred for the season."

Will they have anything up their sleeves for this one? "We saw Cathedral run a pro set against them last week. We have a couple new plays in our arsenal. We'll put Brian Menard in motion when we can," Birk said.

The injury list is very short this week. The coach smiled, "We're healthy and ready to go full speed."



ASSISTANT COACH Mike Birk says the Brownies will have a tough battle vs. an improved Minnechaug team this Saturday.

## Baseball Sign-Ups At Sacred Heart Church



MEMBERS OF THE SACRED HEART ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION recently held softball/baseball signups at the church's Parish Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam Soccer Assoc. Recently Elects New Executive Board

On October 19th, the Agawam Soccer Association met to vote on officers for the 1996 season. Several new faces have been added to the board.

Officers for 1996 are:

President, Dennis Marr; Executive Vice-President, Scott Skolnick; Vice-President of In-Town Affairs, Paul Lagasse; Vice-President of Pioneer Valley Affairs, Steven Fox; Treasurer, Brenda Theriaque; Secretary, Denise Douglas; Director of In-Town Boys, Bob Sabola; Director of In-Town Girls, Dave Shaw; Director of Referees, Chet Comee; Director of Pioneer Valley Boys, Nick Alfano; Director of Pioneer Valley girls, Mike Dobise; Director of Introductory, Bill Footit; Director of Tournaments, presently vacant.

## The "Wizards" Are Coming To AHS!!!



"THE HARLEM WIZARDS" (above) will be at Agawam High School on Monday, November 13th, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$7 (at the door). For more information, call Joann McGeoghan at 786-1982 (evenings) or at 786-5640 (days).

## Will The REAL Phil Vecchiarelli Please Take The Ball...

In the October 26th issue of "The Agawam Advertiser News," we printed a photograph of the 1946 Springfield Trade School football team, and asked our readers to identify Feeding Hills resident Phil Vecchiarelli in the photo and call our office.

Well, Mr. Vecchiarelli is the player in the front row with the number 82 on his shirt and the football in front of him.

"The AAN" was supposed to print this information in last week's edition, and we apologize for this delay.

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## Agawam Soccer Assoc. STANDINGS (As Of 11/5/95)

UNDER 10 BOYS	W	L	T	P
Roos' Yellow Jackets	10	0	0	20
Lyons' Hawks	9	2	1	19
Martin's Blue Tornadoes	5	3	3	13
Harlow's Green Gators	6	5	1	13
Meyers' Orange Flames	5	5	1	11
Jacks' White Lightning	3	4	4	10
Federico's Blue Dudes	2	5	4	8
Deglis' Panthers	1	5	5	7
Henry's Blue Lightning	2	5	3	7
Campana's Rockets	0	9	2	1

UNDER 12 BOYS	W	L	T	P
Fleming's Green Hornets	10	0	0	20
Mouneimneh's Hurricanes	7	3	1	15
Summers' Cranberry Crushers	2	5	3	7
Rosenberg's Sun Devils	1	7	2	4
Adamski's	1	7	2	4

UNDER 10 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Davilli's Maroon Maniacs	7	0	2	16
Ruhl's Tigers	7	1	1	15
Kelly's Golden Girls	4	3	4	12
Santaniello's Grasshoppers	5	4	2	12
Patrick's Red Devils	3	3	3	9
Adams' L. Blue Angels	2	8	2	6
Dobise's Blue Lightning	0	9	2	2

UNDER 12 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Douglas' Red Devils	7	2	0	14
Spear's Blue Lightning	6	2	2	14
Davilli's Cranberry Cougars	6	3	2	14
Francis' Lady Bugs	3	6	1	7
Prisby's Golden Eagles	0	9	1	1

UNDER 14 COED	W	L	T	P
Fleming's Golden Girls	10	0	0	20
Rosinski's Blue Raiders	4	4	3	11
Shaw's Orange Crushers	4	4	2	10
Ellsworth's Red	4	4	2	10
Francis' Maroon Maniacs	1	6	2	4
Gremza's Green Machine	1	6	1	3

UNDER 17 COED	W	L	T	P
Cincotta's Big Green	4	1	3	11
Heneghan's Rotten Oranges	2	1	5	9
Blair's Golden Eagles	2	3	3	7
Brinn's Blue	1	4	3	4

## AHS Soccer Parents Slate General Meeting For November 16th

The Agawam High School Soccer Parents Association will hold a general meeting on Thursday, November 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in the teachers' cafeteria at the high school.

Nominations and election of officers for next year will be held. Final banquet plans and ideas for next year will be discussed.

For more information, call Eleanor Jean at 786-4368.

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## Riverside Speedway Ends Long Season With "Halloween Howler" Oct. 28th

On Saturday, October 28th, it was a night of tribute as Riverside's Pro 4 Modified division paid its honor and respect to one of their own. Pro 4 Modified drivers created their own special memorial race to Harry Kaurafas, Jr.; Harry tragically lost his life while competing in a Pro 4 Modified event in Thompson, CT. And due to the fact that the October 28th race marked the final event of the season, the Pro 4 Modified competitors gathered together in spirit to support the Kaurafas family.

Even though it rained all day on Saturday the 28th, the "Halloween Howler" grand finale still went off as the sky cleared at 6:00 p.m. for Riverside's final evening of racing for its amazing 1995 season. (With a total of 159,210 fans in attendance this season, Riverside holds its rank as the number-one short track in NASCAR.)

The Pro 4 Modified event was scheduled for 22 laps (based on Kaurafas and his car numbers), and Dick Dubois took the lead as Joe Doucette broke from the pack to challenge. Five laps later, Doucette was out front and hunted down by George Sherman (these two battled lap after lap).

At the halfway mark, Dennis Routhier and Mini Stock Champion Tom Gavine battled for third and fourth, with Doc Marcinec hunted down by rookie driver Sylvia Crunden.

As the checker flew, the entire field stopped in turn four and the winner of this event was **Harry Kaurafas, Jr.** And, just as the event started with the number-one position open in memorial, the fans applauded the respect shown by the competitors.

The finish was Joe Doucette, George Sherman, Dick DuBois, Dennis Routhier, and Tom Gavine. Following these racers were Doc Marcinec, Sylvia Crunden, Tim Proctor, and Sonny Reed.

Mike Salmond won the Strictly Stocks but was ultimately disqualified, thereby giving the victory to **Chuck Allesio**. Glen Reilly was second over

Roy Houle, Jon Waterhouse, and Pat Kretschman. Sixth through 10th went to Doug McClain, Ed Charette, Bob Stick, Al Leone, and Kris Valerio.

Mini Stock Champion **Tom Gavine** was again unchallenged to secure his sixth win over Ace Johnson, Dan Dempsey, Zak Sylvester, and Ron Mayette.

Rounding out the top 10 in this division were Will Smith, Paul Sharette, Paul Kratochile, Dave Oulette, and Roger Larson.

**Bob Bellinger** was another new winner in the half-ton truck division. Dave Capriati was second, third was Marty Kasakowski, fourth was John Fontaine, and fifth was Brian Wittcamp.

The other top-10 finishers in this division were Steve Casstevens, Brian Hohenstein, Lori Trauskaus, and the Champion, Nancy Muni.

**Bert Richardson** used a dump truck to his advantage to win the Super Stock event over John Provencher, Mark Lajoie, Jonathan Younger, and Shane Peele.

Sixth through 10th for the Super Stocks were Mark Freniere, Jay Drolett, Steve Clement, John Anzalone, and Bill Koss.

**David Cassle** won the Legends event, as Rob Summers challenged for second. The third-through five-place positions were earned by John Rigney, Don Conradis, and Glen Maningo.

Rounding out the winners in this race were Joe Sole, Ralph Beaver, and Mark Ebert.

The enduro on Saturday, October 28th, was won by **Scott Clak** of Agawam, Massachusetts.

The next "Marathon Madness" enduro will take place at the speedway on May 26, 1996. New rules and schedules are available by writing to Riverside Park Speedway, P.O. Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001.

For further information, call (413) 786-9300.

## Riverside's Huge Racing Banquet Coming

Riverside Park Speedway is so successful in its NASCAR Winston Racing Series program, you would expect its awards banquet to be a huge success. So, it is no surprise that it is; still, it's shocking to a lot of racing experts.

Riverside will host not one but two sold-out banquets. The total banquet attendance will exceed 1,500 people.

On Friday, November 17th, the Pro 4 Modifieds, Late Models, and Strictly Stocks will be honored. And on Saturday, November 18th, the Modifieds and Pro Stocks will be showcased.

Over \$70,000 in point money will be distributed, with \$15,000 in special awards. All five divisions will receive point checks through the top 15 drivers, and trophies will be presented to the top 10 competitors.

As part of the festivities, there will be several prestigious awards. Unlike a lot of facilities that require office management to select the nominees and winner, Riverside's NASCAR team (through its ballot based on performance record) makes a ballot sheet.

Each sheet includes a write-in vote area to allow additional nominees. This is done in all five divisions. The bonded company of Hackney and Roades does the tally, and the winners (in a sealed envelope) are announced on the night of each respective banquet.

The "1995 Rookie" nominees include Dave Caruso and Ted Riggott for the Modifieds; Stew Drew, Doug Dell, Jeff Conners, Dave Veillette, Jay Stuart, Jay Miller, Bill Bolton, Fred Alkas, Jr., Les

Hinkley, and Bruce Childs for the Pro Stocks.

Also, Rob Valerio, E.J. Legacy, Bob Choquette, Todd Owen, Brian Locke, Bob Ermark, Roger Voisine, Russ Lajoie, Paul Bernard, and Jeff Plakias are the Late Model nominees; and Chris Valerio, Pat Townsend, Dennis Charette, Norm Ashline, Tom Garrity, Glen Reilly, Mike Gigantino, and Brian Clement for the Strictly Stocks.

The "Most Improved" nominees also comprise a tough list from which to choose winners. For the Modifieds, there are Scott Walker, Tim Zambelli, Ed Spiers, Brian Schofield, and Doug Meserve; meanwhile, Jeff Horn, Scott Bouley, Kevin Czarnecki, Bennett Fuller, Rich Vasseur, Jim Banfield, and Ron Laperche are the Pro Stock nominees.

As for the Late Model nominees, they include Joe Czarnecki, Rocco Mazziotto, Paul Dipisa, Wayne Coury, Brian Merchant, Matt Bushior, Chris Wenzal, Steve Fifiell, Joe Rzesutek, and Keith Minchella. And last, but certainly not least, the Strictly Stock nominees are Joe Arena, John Waterhouse, Jim Sommers, Joe Kokoska, Craig St. Germain, Scott Neleber, Ken Marques, and Al Leone.

Other awards to be handed out include "Hard Luck," "Professionalism," "Best Appearing," and "Most Popular Driver," plus favorite NASCAR official and favorite non-NASCAR official.

Tickets are sold out for both banquets, which will be held at The Oaks, 1070 Suffield Street, Agawam, MA.

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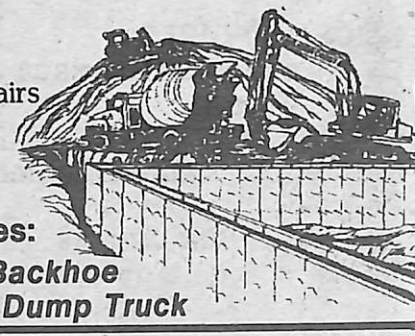
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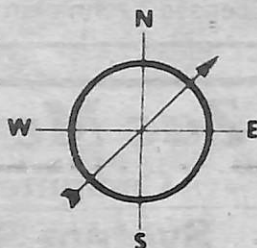
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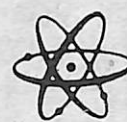
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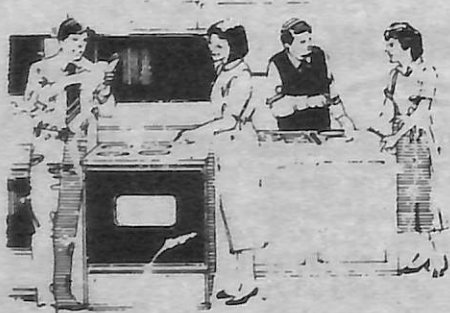


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